

no other recommendation than from her non-existent friend Mrs. Harris.

Mr. Poole's last hit against the Guardians for acting in the best interests of the sick poor was a taunt "that they were yielding to pressure brought about by mob meetings," by which he meant the public gatherings of respectable citizens anxious for the honour of the Infirmary, and desirous that its sick inmates should receive the best care and nursing, regardless that they are so-called "paupers."

THE Nurses' beer question provoked some amusement at the Driffield Board of Guardians recently. A newly-appointed Nurse asked the Board for an allowance of beer, and a Guardian fond of a joke said he believed the Nurse would find that nearly all the members were Good Templars. The Nurse, after a slight pause, during which she surveyed the occupants of the room, replied, "I think the gentlemen's faces do not bespeak that they are all teetotallers." Convulsive laughter followed this ready response, but although the Guardians were put into good humour they were quite obdurate, and almost unanimously declined the application for an allowance of beer. The Nurse had learnt in the out-patient room the difference in appearance between the rigid abstainer and the "moderate" man.

It is hoped that the Hospital built by the Association des Dames Françaises in the Rue Michel-Ange Antient, will soon be completed. It is intended for ladies not positively embracing the medical profession, who are with difficulty admitted to the Paris Hospitals; they are thus unable to gain the knowledge required of *ambulancières*. The Hospital of the Dames Françaises will supply this want. All women could there fit themselves for such duties. According to Dr. Duchaussoy, who is much interested in the scheme, in Germany there are special Hospitals where women receive medical instruction; these exist in every German province. Aristocrats and crowned heads consider it a duty and honour to go through their terms in the Hospitals, and become well-informed, reliable Nurses, ready to do their duty in the time of war. Dr. Duchaussoy said it was with the intention of following the good example set by Germany that the Hospital was organised. During peace there will be only twenty-four beds, twelve medical cases, twelve surgical; if war breaks out or epidemics threaten the public health, 120 beds will be ready to give relief to the suffering.

MISS PALMER, of Washington, recently in reading a paper on the work and future possibilities of District Nurses, said:—

"Already, in many places, through the influence of these Nurses, improved sanitary conditions are brought about in tenement houses, school facilities are improved in overcrowded districts, houses of prostitution have been abolished, children are sent to country homes, patients requiring Hospital treatment have the way made easy for them to obtain this much-needed care, food is provided for the starving, clothing and fuel reach those too proud or too ignorant to ask, and an immense amount of relief is given to suffering humanity that cannot be included under the head of Nursing, to say nothing of the moral influence of such women in the homes of these people."

She also gave as her opinion that—

"Tenement house owners and agents, knowing the daily intelligent supervision that is being exercised by the Nurse respecting the power she represents, will not dare build or maintain human slaughter houses under the guise of homes."

There is no question but that the work of the district Nurse is much more far-reaching in its effects than being merely confined to the relief of temporary pains and illnesses. District Nurses are and should be also missionaries of health and sanitation, and they can impress upon the families they work in the lessons of cleanliness and simple hygiene for all time. But we cannot agree with a doctor who recently, when speaking of the possibilities of the trained Nurse, gave as his opinion that "the Nurse who takes a case in the country should know at least the rudiments of plumbing."

A District Nurse ought certainly to have a definite knowledge of sanitation, and be able to estimate the shortcomings of scullery traps and defective cisterns, but it does not come within her province to undertake practical plumbing.

THERE is a lady in New York City who makes a very nice income by designing and having executed hospital graduation badges for Nurses. Most of the hospitals present badges to their Nurses on the completion of their training, and the managers are always anxious to hear of a design which is at the same time distinctive and artistic. The designing of these medals offers a pleasant and fairly remunerative calling to those with an artistic taste and some technical training in design.

CARLSBAD—the renowned Spa in Bohemia—has been thronged this summer with patients suffering from all kinds of liver and gouty complaints, who have reaped great benefit from taking the celebrated waters; but it is not sufficiently known that persons unable to visit the Spa can obtain the *natural* Carlsbad Sprudel Salts or Waters at all Chemists, Stores, &c. To distinguish the *natural* salts from artificial imitations, note the names on wrapper of "LOEBEL SCHOTTLARNDER, CARLSBAD," and INGRAM & ROYLE, Ltd., Sole Agents, 52, Farringdon Street, E.C. ; 19, South John Street, Liverpool; 80, Redcliff Street, Bristol. Pamphlet on application.

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