

small proportion of the Nurses must sleep near the patients, to be ready at once in case of emergency, but the greater number might reside in a separate building. That their health and comfort would be increased by such an arrangement scarcely admits of doubt, and I believe the efficiency of the Nursing staff would be proportionately enhanced." We quite agree with Dr. Pierce in his views, and we are glad to note signs of improvement all round in the conditions under which Asylum attendants work.

"FASTIDIOUS" writes:—"I have not the least intention to restrict Nurses or to interfere with them in any vexatious manner; but I would like, with your permission, to call attention to a little matter which I think somewhat detracts from the dignity of the appearance of a good many Nurses in the streets of London. It has been borne in on me during the last few weeks, when we have had a good deal of fine weather but very muddy streets, that it does not look at all 'Nurse-like' to wear open-work or embroidered front thin stockings, with very low shoes and shiny buckles in the streets. Let a Nurse be as dainty in her dress as she will, let her be very neat about her stockings and shoes, but always with regard to the fitness of things; and it does not appear to me to fit or accord with a Nurse's life, or with her uniform, that she should wear these conspicuous stockings and striking buckles. Certainly no patient, seeing a Nurse so shod in mid-winter, would have much faith in her knowledge of hygiene, or form a high estimate of her common sense."

THE *Ladies' Review*, under the heading "Ours are more Appropriate," states that the costume of a Russian Nurse consists of a red velvet skirt, a black velvet bodice, and a bright blue satin apron, embroidered with grey flowers, and on the head a wondrous tiara of red velvet, with gaudy gold ornaments.

THE newly appointed Nurse at the Warwick Workhouse Infirmary sent in her resignation, after only a fortnight's duty in the wards. She was called into the room and asked why she had resigned. She said she was not comfortable. The room she had her meals in was not clean, and moreover, wounds were dressed there. The Rev. J. Adams thought they should consider the question of "dressing wounds" in

the meal room, and the Mayoress of Leamington asked if another room could not be provided, pending the improvement proposed. The Chairman thought that as the room had done for several years, it could do for a few months more. It was decided to leave the room as it was, pending alterations, and to advertise for a successor to Miss Hardy.

The argument that because a wrong has existed for several years it can be allowed to go on for "a few months more," is illogical and absurd, and it is manifestly unjust to expect a Nurse to take her meals in a room where "wound dressing" is going on. We wonder how the Chairman of the Board would himself care to dine under such circumstances? Perhaps he might be invited to take a meal with the Nurses—just to get an object-lesson. We venture to predict that his appetite at that meal would be abnormally small.

A HIGH Chinese official has recently given it as his opinion that the only kind of missionary who will be tolerated in China will be the trained Nurse who will carry her healing art to the homes of the people and preach the practical gospel of healing the sick. "Your English trained Nurses," he says, "will not only be welcomed, but will be as safe among our people as if they were in London."

It will hardly be questioned that a highly trained Nurse, of broad heart and kindly disposition, would form an ideal missionary. But at the same time "Chinese officials" must realise that some guarantee of safety would have to be given, and protection by Government afforded, before English Nurses can be expected to engage in mission work among the "heathen Chinese," considering his propensity to massacre those "who seek to do good."

At a ceremony at the Norwich Hospital, Conn., U.S.A., when the graduating Nurses were presented with their certificates on the completion of training, one of the speakers dwelt upon the importance of the Nurses' calling as an index of the growing humaneness and refinement of this age in which we live. We regret that in this Training School certificates are granted after eighteen months' training.

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