

This case does not redound to the credit of the Nurse in question. No one will deny that "a common lodging-house" is a particularly unpleasant place, but the Nurse's duty was to her patient, and it was most reprehensible to leave the case against the wish of the medical man, and, presumably, without seeing that another Nurse was installed. And the "common lodging-house" with a small-pox patient in it would not present the usual horrors of such a place, as the ordinary twopence-a-night people—and, in fact, all comers—would be refused admission, and the house would necessarily be empty. The Nurse, apparently, did not abide by the traditions and discipline of her profession.

THE Nursing arrangements of the Stepney Workhouse Infirmary at Shoreham have been highly commended by the Local Government Board, and the Walsall Board of Guardians intends sending a deputation to study the system at Shoreham, in order that fresh reforms may be introduced into their own Infirmary, which is already satisfactory.

THE following advertisement recently appeared:

NURSE REQUIRED, for ward of 42 girls. Must have had similar experience, and be a good needlewoman; age not under 25; wages to commence at £16. Also Housemaid, wages £14.—Apply any morning between 10 and 1 p.m. to Matron, Foundling Hospital.

From which it would appear that a trained Nurse is worth only £2 a year more than a housemaid. Nothing is said about the *training* of the Nurse, but, presumably the authorities at the Foundling Hospital would not put a Nurse in charge of 42 girls who had not had Hospital experience—and £16 seems very poor pay.

At a well-conducted Hospital, not a hundred miles from Charing Cross, a portly alderman chanced recently to be chairman of the Committee of Management. In addressing a trio of dressers introduced to him, he expressed himself gravely as follows: "You will, I trust, emulate your predecessors in kindness to the patients under your care. But, while you practise this Christian courtesy towards your poor brethren, you will not fail, I hope, to recollect that this Hospital is supported entirely by voluntary contributions, so that you must not be too extravagant in the use of lint and plaster." This excellent advice might also be addressed to some Nurses who are proverbially extravagant with "Hospital stores," gas, water, crockery—to say nothing of using the best lint for polishing, as well as surgical purposes.

A CORRESPONDENT, writes:—"The Bury St. Edmunds Town Council has recommended 'that Mrs. Brett be retained as assistant Nurse at the Sanitary Hospital at a retaining salary of three shillings a week, and ten shillings a week and board when engaged.' Two points at once occur to the 'intelligent reader.' The first is, what are Mrs. Brett's qualifications? Has she been trained? If so, why is she offered such starvation pay? If she has not been trained, and is worth only the sums quoted, what is the meaning of her appointment as Nurse to the patients of the Sanitary Hospital?" We agree with our correspondent in thinking these questions should be asked by the ratepayers of Bury St. Edmunds, and that the Town Council should give an explanation.

PLANS of a delightful Nurses' Home in connection with the Dundee Royal Infirmary have been prepared; the scheme having been made possible by the generous gift of £5,000, by Mr. Ogilvy Dalgleish, for that purpose. The Home will be heated throughout, so that no fires will be necessary in any of the rooms.

It is greatly to the honour and credit of the Government that when the Provincial Exchequer of Calcutta is in a flourishing state, a large share of its surplus should be devoted to Hospitals and the relief of suffering humanity. There is no doubt that hitherto the existing Hospitals have not been kept up to a standard worthy of this great city; there are numerous features that would be intolerable in Europe and would cause wholesale condemnation, but it is satisfactory to learn on reliable authority that twelve months hence many of the defects that had become so familiar as to appear unavoidable, will cease to exist, and that wholesale reforms are to be introduced.

A LEADING and progressive Superintendent writes the following to us from Pennsylvania, U.S.A., with regard to the third annual Conference of the Representatives of Training Schools in the United States:—"You will be interested, I know, in our proceedings, but you know going-ahead is a slow process, and we only take a step at a time. You will also be interested to know that among our new members are several very enthusiastic and loyal graduates of St. Bartholomew's, who are holding positions in Philadelphia, and who seem very progressive."

CARLSBAD—the renowned Spa in Bohemia—was thronged last 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 Sprüdel Salts or Waters at all Chemists, Stores, &c. To distinguish the *natural* salts from artificial imitations, note the names on wrapper of "LOEBEL SCHOTLAENDER, 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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