

Miss Breay spoke of the opportunities for maternity experience which was afforded in Poor Law Infirmaries, and she asked whether it would not be possible to throw open these Infirmary maternity wards for the benefit of trained Nurses who desired to add this very valuable branch to their general training.

Miss Hughes, in reply, said that she always preferred to take into the maternity wards those Nurses who had already had some training—at least a year—in a General Hospital. More often she selected those with a three years' certificate.

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WE have pleasure in announcing that the prize of £1 rs. has this month been awarded to Miss E. J. Hurlston, Member of the Registered Nurses' Society, for her Notes on a Case of Uremic Delirium with Resisting Paralysis and Weak Action of the Heart, which will be published in an early issue of our journal.

MISS MARIE CORELLI was one of the most interesting of the guests at the recent reception of the Nurses' Co-operation at Queen's Hall.

SOME very important changes are to be made by the Indian Government in the transport of Mohammedan pilgrims between Bombay and Jedda. A medical or Hospital-trained woman is to be carried on each ship in addition to the usual doctor, and good Hospital accommodation is to be provided to meet the many cases of illness arising among the pilgrims. By these and other needed regulations, it is hoped the constantly-recurring outbreaks of cholera may be obviated.

THE accommodation and comfort of the nursing staff of the Wandsworth and Clapham Union Infirmary is being discussed in the local press, and a letter is published, signed by eighteen of the Nurses, in which they endeavour to smooth matters over. They admit,

however, that, "owing to the inefficiency of the junior probationers the work of the Sisters and Nurses has been considerably increased, so much so that at times we cannot get through it properly." And the letter goes on to say: "Most of us get to our meals at the proper time," and "only one temporary probationer is obliged to dress outside her cubicle."

Now, this protest from the Nurses of the Wandsworth and Clapham Infirmary is no doubt a voluntary statement, notwithstanding the fact that it is sent to the Press by the Clerk to the Guardians. At the same time it is well-known by Nurses that, in like circumstances, it has often happened that a certain amount of suggestion and personal influence from those in authority has been brought to bear on the Nurses penning such a protest. Moreover, a feeling of *esprit de corps* will naturally make a body of Nurses defend, so far as they can, the management of the Institution they belong to. So that this defence, if it can be so described, does not in any way lessen the necessity of a thorough investigation as to the grounds of complaint and dissatisfaction.

WE hope that the ratepayers of Bromsgrove or the Local Government Board will insist upon an exhaustive enquiry concerning the internal management of the Workhouse Infirmary. The Nurse, who has been attempting to reform matters, and also, in consequence, has made herself unpopular with her fellow workers and the unruly inmates, has been compelled to resign. In the opinion of Mr. J. Amphlett, who presided at a late meeting of the Guardians, "The best way to end this unpleasant business was to give the Nurse a month's salary and let her leave within 48 hours, and he moved that that course be taken." The proposition was seconded and carried. It was then arranged "that as there was a considerable diminution in the number of inmates in the Infirmary, it was not necessary to advertise for another Nurse at present, but to obtain temporary assistance if occasion for it should arise." So that now the inmates can cut capers barefoot in the kitchen and otherwise disport themselves—according to their own sweet will—to say nothing of the advantage of the sick and infirm relying entirely upon pauper help in their extremity.

Why should we not have a medical woman officially appointed on the Local Government Board? There is no doubt that—taking into consideration the time which elapses before that official body pronounces judgment upon Nurs-

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