

THE sins of omission and commission in the destruction of clothes in Hospital laundries are too well known by most Nurses to need any comment from us. But a Nurse named Blanche Collins, who was employed as "a special" in a diphtheria ward at the City of London Union, wrote a letter, which was read at a recent meeting of the Managers, in which she asked for compensation for two dresses which had, she said, been spoiled in the washing. The writer enclosed a portion of the dress which had been washed, and a piece of the original material. To replace those dresses would cost her 8s. 6d. each. Mr. Lile suggested that the material and the question should be referred to the lady members. On the motion of Mr. Abbott, the question was referred to the House Committee.

It will be interesting to hear what decision the House Committee arrives at. We have certainly seen terrible havoc wrought in gowns, caps, and aprons after a visit to a Hospital laundry. And to "a special" Nurse engaged perhaps for two or three weeks, it certainly is a hardship to have her uniform dresses ruined in appearance.

WE are glad to read in the tenth annual report such an excellent account of the work done by the Peterborough District Nursing Association, under the able superintendence of Miss F. Saunders, whose services are much appreciated by the Committee. At the annual meeting Dr. Easley and Dr. Cane spoke in very eulogistic terms of the Nurses' work, the latter saying "that the town simply could not do without them now, and the more he saw of their work the more he valued it." Appreciation such as this is a great stimulus to workers.

LORD BRASSEY'S eldest daughter, the Hon. Mrs. Egerton, is actively engaged in organising Nursing Associations in the villages and country districts of East Sussex. The method adopted is for a certain number of adjacent parishes to combine so that a resident and trained Nurse may be engaged, who can attend to the more serious and urgent cases in the grouped villages.

The financial contribution when ten parishes are associated is levied at the rate of ten shillings yearly for every 100 of population. In more scattered districts where fewer villages co-operate, the contribution is necessarily higher.

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Bristol: "I really must express my admiration of the zeal with which the ladies here conducted the Hospital Saturday collections. It was impossible to evade their blandishments, and no man could hope to escape unless he possessed a very stony heart indeed. We were not even safe on the "trams." Agile and athletic young ladies "boarded" them when they were going full speed ahead, and just wheedled the coins out of us. I am an Irishman, and so, unluckily for me, am most susceptible to ladies. I returned home a bankrupt."

We think our correspondent must be a splendid type for a Bazaar victim!

THE old Association for Nursing the sick poor in Brighton has ceased to exist, and an entirely new Society has been formed to include Hove and Preston. The Committee hope, if sufficient funds are forthcoming, to start with four or six Nurses. It has been decided to have a central Home where the Nurses will live under a Lady Superintendent.

THE Wycombe Board of Guardians has taken a right step in deciding to appoint two trained Nurses, so that both by day and by night the patients of the Infirmary will have the advantage of skilled care. Dr. Flech said "he thought it was not right for old people to die without a Nurse being present"—a sentiment which all old people and all trained Nurses would concur in.

CONSIDERABLE friction has arisen in several Workhouse Infirmarys owing to trained Nurses being expected to receive and bathé vagrant women who were perfectly able-bodied. In several instances Nurses have rightly declined to undertake such duties, these not belonging to the care of the sick. At Totnes two Nurses have resigned for this reason, and the Guardians have very properly decided that the bathing of female vagrants admitted to the Union shall not henceforth be expected from trained Nurses.

At the Annual Meeting of the Hammersmith and Fulham District Nursing Association, Mr. G. L. Cheatle said "he would like to see District Nursing applied in the direction of keeping people healthy, because it was recognised that all those cases of rickets that were met with might be prevented by proper feeding."

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