

a nurse's uniform for a sanitary inspector. A neat, tailor-made tweed costume of some material like camelot, which washes well, and a trim felt hat with a distinctive ribbon, would be a far more sensible costume for these ladies than the outward garb of a profession to which they do not belong, and which, at the best of times, is not altogether practical for outdoor work.

A VAST amount of friction appears to exist at the Boston workhouse, and a very unseemly and controversial scene between nurses, porters and guardians was lately reported in the *Grantham Times*, owing in this instance to a complaint on the part of the nurse as to the short weight of the patients' meat rations. It appears that in this institution it is the duty of the porter to carve and weigh out the rations, and according to his own evidence, "I can't stand much, and I soon fly off," so that when he finds that owing to a preponderance of bone the meat won't go round, he puts down the knife and fork and allows the master to distribute the diets, which appears to us an eminently satisfactory arrangement, as that official has power, which the porter has not, to procure more meat from the kitchen. Nurse Lambert complained that the master persistently persecuted the nurses; that he had broken open a door in the nurses' quarters; that on one occasion he went into the female ward of the infirmary without permission, and without knocking, when one of the women was partially undressed; and that the porter had told her that he had had a row with the master because he would not weigh bone in with the meat in weighing out the allowances of the paupers. Although the nurses' accusations were corroborated by others the Guardians commiserated the master, and expressed their determination "to get rid of Nurse Lambert." Such is the fate of reformers!

THE fifth annual meeting of the Aberdeen District Nursing Association was lately held, and a most satisfactory report of the year's work was presented. During the proceedings Professor Paterson remarked that, "Considering the growth of the work there must be some remarkable women at the back of the movement, and he was sure they had in Miss Armstrong, the lady superintendent, a friend and a servant of quite unusual calibre." The Duchess of Fife was elected honorary president of the association, and Miss K. M. Lumsden and Miss Grant Smith, of the Royal Hospital for Children, were elected secretaries.

A HOSPITAL ship, under the Red Cross, is near Crete, with doctors and medical stores on board. Presumably nurses have not been sent,

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A GLIMPSE AT KINGS' COLLEGE HOSPITAL.

THE high quality of the medical, surgical, and nursing work done at this hospital is well known, and the reason of it, so far as the nursing is concerned, is not far to seek. A casual visitor may find it in the intimate acquaintance possessed by the sister-matron, Miss Monk, of all the details of the various departments of the work under her control. The quiet professional demeanour of the nurses of Kings' College Hospital is also proverbial, in fact one never remembers to have seen an untidy Kings' nurse; this also is directly traceable to the example set by the sister-matron, and the courtesy of her subordinates down to that of the porters (and hospital porters are not as a class remarkable for their manners) is doubtless due to the courteous way in which they themselves are treated by her.

Intent on seeing the new ophthalmic theatre, which, at a cost of nearly £1,000, has been given to the hospital by the relatives of the late Sir George Johnson, as a memorial to him, I visited the hospital, and was taken up to this theatre by Miss Monk. At present it is unfinished, but enough progress has been made to enable one to form a fair idea of what it will be in the future. Although the theatre is entirely of glass, it is not one's preconceived idea of a glass theatre. There is a dado of a warm red colour round the theatre, and the walls, though glass, are as opaque and substantial in appearance as those of an ordinary building. Professor McHardy, through whom the gift of this theatre has come to the hospital, is taking a keen interest in the details of its arrangement. The McHardy bed, for ophthalmic cases, will be remembered by all visitors to the Nursing Exhibition at St. Martin's Town Hall last year. The instrument cupboard, which is not yet *in situ*, is to be heated by hot-water pipes; what is apparently a large slate is also, so I was told, of glass, specially prepared, and smoked. By a special contrivance of Professor McHardy's, a block of wood is locked on to the large door of the theatre, so that, except when it is specially unlocked at the time of an operation, it can only be opened just wide enough to admit one person. From the ophthalmic theatre we went into the children's ward, which has been charmingly decorated by the Kyrle Society. Here the cots, by an ingenious device of the sister-matron and the ward sister, are cleverly constructed, so that a tent can readily be fixed to any one of them. The gynæcological wards are so arranged that curtains can be drawn

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