

directions. Several of the doctors for whom I have had to do dressings, &c., said they were glad they could have a nurse do them as it saved their time, and they kindly said I could do the dressings as well as they could. I enclose two reports from the Rochester City *Hospital Review* giving the amount of work I had done to October 29th. Since then I have spent twenty-five days with patients, and twenty-nine nights, made twenty-nine day visits and attended three operations. November was the slackest month since April. I was without work for four days, the first time I had been without work since April. Of course sometimes for several days I would only have one call to make each day, but always had some work to do. My average weekly earning from March 23rd to July 1st were 10'32 dols.; from July 1st to August 1st, 11'55 dols.; from August 1st to September 1st, 18'25 dols.; from September 1st to October 1st, 15'13 dols.; from October 1st to November 1st, 12'88 dols.; from November 1st to December 1st, 9'25 dols.; from December 1st to December 18th, 12'85 dols.* You will notice that my earnings are not so much as would seem they should be from the amount of work done, but I often feel that I cannot charge even my moderate prices. My diet kitchen, which I started September 4th, has been a success from the first. The principal demand is for koumyss.

In response to another letter from me, Miss Cunningham writes January 14th:—

A great many of my cases have been among wealthy people, who did not need a nurse all the time. Artisans, clerks, florists, railway men, ministers, students, commercial men, porters, waiters, have all employed the visiting nurse.

There being four other nurses in the city, who are ready to do visiting nursing, has made little, if any, difference in the number of calls I have had. I think there is much need for this kind of nursing. I like visiting nursing better than private nursing, as I get out more, going from one case to another; there is more variety in the work, and I frequently have two or three hours a day to myself.

I have to-day had a letter from Baltimore, Md., inquiring about visiting nursing, and one from Belleville, Ontario, Canada. Trusting my answers are full enough,

I am,

Very sincerely,

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(To be continued.)

Appointment.

MISS MARY GIVINS has been appointed matron of the Eastern Fever Hospital, Homerton. Miss Givins was trained at the Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool, and subsequently held the position of matron to the City Hospital, Liverpool, for five years, and at the City Hospital, Parkhill, Dingle, Liverpool, for three years. Miss Givins comes to her new post with ripe experience in the superintendence of the nursing department of an Infectious Diseases Hospital.

* In other words Miss Cunningham's earnings have so far been at the rate of 680 dols. per annum.

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It will surprise the Nursing world to learn that the nurses trained at the Middlesex Hospital are certificated without examination. It is quite time that a more modern curriculum of professional education was inaugurated at this institution. We imagine that it is the only metropolitan general hospital, which guarantees the knowledge of its nurses without testing it.

WE are informed that a member of the Association was desirous of obtaining copies of the *Nurses' Journal*, issued from 1892 to 1896. She therefore called at the Office of the Royal British Nurses' Association to pay for them, when she was told by the Secretary that "the Hon. Medical Secretary considered that more than the published price of sixpence must be paid for back numbers, and that a shilling would be a fair price." Naturally, the member objected to any official upon his own initiative doubling the price of the official organ, as the price of sixpence had been fixed by the Executive Committee, and the *Nurses' Journal* advertised for sale at that price. She held very rightly that no one member of an Association is justified in dealing with such a matter at his own pleasure.

Of course this frivolous and vexatious refusal to sell to the member in question the official organ, of the Association to which she belonged, at the published and advertised price, can cause no surprise to anyone who has watched the extraordinary manner in which the officials of the Association contemptuously ignore the Charter, the Bye-Laws, and the Regulations, appearing to imagine that the little brief authority in which they are dressed invests them with autocratic powers. It appears that the Executive Committee have since given the officials *carte blanche* to sell the *Nurses' Journal* at any price they choose—a complaisance as typical as it is unbusinesslike. It is satisfactory, however, to learn that a matron member of the Executive Committee, by way of protest, has forwarded a complete set of twenty copies of the *Nurses' Journal*, covering the period

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