

The following advertisement has appeared in the daily press. It would be interesting to know how many applications were made to the Guardians for the post they advertise :—

KILKEEL UNION.

FEVER HOSPITAL NURSE WANTED.

THE Board of Guardians of this Union will, at their Meeting to be held on Monday, the 26th April, appoint a duly qualified NURSE for the Fever Hospital, at a salary of £20 per annum, with rations and apartments.

Applications, accompanied by testimonials, and stating the names of two solvent sureties willing to join in a bond for the sum of £50, will be received by me up to 11 o'clock on the above date, when candidates are required to attend.

THOMAS GRAHAM,

Clerk to the Union.

By an Order of the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland in Council, the Irish Board of Control in Lunacy has been reconstituted, two of the former members being removed, and a new one added.

A sum of £300, being one-half of a promised donation of £600, has been received from "Two Ladies" towards defraying the cost of the new Cancer Ward now being erected at Fredenheim, the Home of Peace for the Dying, Swiss Cottage, N.W.

A hospital, which has been erected by the East District Committee of the Berwickshire County Council for the treatment of infectious cases, was recently opened at Millerton Hill, near Ayton. It is intended to afford accommodation for twelve patients, but only ten beds are at present provided. The total cost of the hospital and its outfit, has been about £1,000.

Professional Reviews.

WE have received a copy of a small book entitled "Antiseptic Principles for Nurses," by C. E. Richmond, F.R.C.S., price 1s. Published by Messrs. J. and A. Churchill, 7, Great Marlborough Street.

The author aims at giving nurses an insight into the scientific principles which govern the selection and use of antiseptic agents, and for this he merits their thanks.

The first chapter deals with the dressing of wounds, the aspect of healthy and unhealthy wounds, putrefaction, the explanation of the terms septic, antiseptic, and aseptic, and the connection between sepsis and germs. The second chapter is devoted to germs: their life history and action in producing disease; phagocytosis; immunity; and some germs of special disease.

In the third chapter a sepsis and antiseptics are practically considered.

All nurses who have a high ideal of their professional obligations desire to nurse intelligently, not to be merely mechanical machines, and the book before us should assist them to a comprehension of the fundamental principles of a sepsis and antiseptics, and present to them, as the author desires, "in a manner easily understood, the scientific reasons for the practices which form part of their daily duties."

The Opening of the Imperial Victorian Exhibition.

THE Imperial Victorian Exhibition at the Crystal Palace was opened on Thursday, May 6th, by Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian. The special feature of the day was the grand *Fête* and Demonstration of the St. John's Ambulance Association, and competitions, open respectively to all male holders of first-aid certificates, to teams representing corps or divisions of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, and to teams representing Railway Companies in England and Wales took place during the day.

Those who assembled for the opening of the exhibition found the time pass pleasantly enough. An excellent concert was given by the combined bands of the Horse Guards, the Coldstream Guards, and the Crystal Palace Orchestra, and in view of the work now unhappily necessary on the Græco-Turkish frontier the demonstration given, of rendering first-aid to the injured, was especially interesting, though painfully realistic. This, however, was not the opinion of all the spectators, one of whom observed that she was "tired of this old St. John's Ambulance mess," and she evidently awaited with much impatience the arrival of Her Royal Highness. Another onlooker seemed a little hazy as to the meaning of the demonstration. Five competitors, with handkerchiefs tied over their mouths and noses, rushed at five "subjects," presumably to rescue them from a mine in which they had succumbed to "choke-damp." "Now they are doing it blindfold," she cried. What precise object she thought would be attained by such a proceeding she did not divulge!

On one side of the arena were drawn up the male members of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade in their neat black and white uniform, and on another the nurses of the Association. The latter wore black dresses, with aprons, bonnets, and white gloves; a combination which seemed somewhat incongruous. The apron is essentially a working garment, and is better left at home when bonnets and gloves are worn. If it is decided to retain the apron then a cap is surely the suitable complement.

Princess Christian, accompanied by Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, was received at the Alexandra Gate by the chairman and directors of the company, and the executive council of the St. John's Ambulance Association. Her Royal Highness wore a black-watered silk gown, relieved with pink chiffon at the neck and wrists, a black bonnet with pink roses, and a black silk cape embroidered with jet, and lined with white. Her Royal Highness proceeded at once to the Royal box, opposite the Handel Orchestra, from which she unveiled a new statue of Her Majesty, the united bands meanwhile playing the National Anthem, followed by God bless the Prince of Wales.

After inspecting the exhibition Princess Christian proceeded to the Handel Orchestra, and witnessed the end of the ambulance demonstrations, after which she distributed the prizes to the successful competitors, and two challenge shields, to be held for one year, to the winners of the first prizes in the Brigade and Railway competitions.

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