

Relief Committee by the South-Eastern Railway Company, and provision was made for their reception at Sandgate station, from whence the omnibus of the Home took them to their destination.

THE number of persons affected by the epidemic of typhoid at Lynn has now risen to nearly 400 patients. Again it seems that the local authorities are to blame for the unsatisfactory condition of the water. Is it not time the Local Government Board took some decided action in providing pure water for the people?

THE Bishop of Worcester, Dr. Perowne, in preaching recently at S. Saviour's, Saltley, after paying a tribute to the work of medical men said, "If they turned from the hospital physician, and the hospital surgeon, to the hospital nurse, there was the same admirable devotion to duty. How often in the early days of hospitals the lives of the patients were sacrificed to the ignorance and indifference, the hardship and cruelty of the nurse. How different it was now. The nurse was no longer the selfish hireling, hard, careless, and, perhaps, intemperate. She was the devoted and sympathizing friend."

IN the report of the committee given to the subscribers to the Bridgwater Infirmary at the annual meeting, the following paragraph occurred—

"The committee regret to have to report the resignation of Mrs. Okell, the matron, and they wish to place on record their appreciation of the valuable services she has rendered to the Infirmary during the last seven years.

Mr. E. J. Stanley, M.P., in moving the adoption of the report, said that he received the report of Mrs. Okell's resignation with great regret. He alluded in high terms to the value of her services, and referred to the personal friendship which he entertained towards her. We are glad to observe that the committee are embodying their own views as to the value of Mrs. Okell's services in a written testimonial. We hope that, in the appointment of Mrs. Okell's successor, the committee will secure the services of a lady who will maintain the same high standard of efficiency which Mrs. Okell has established in their institution. It is unhappily true that the most efficient candidates are not always those who obtain preferment.

WE hear much of the need for a higher standard of efficiency in those who nurse the insane, but it is not surprising that asylum nursing, onerous, responsible, and physically exhausting as it is, does not attract to its ranks the highest class of nurses—those who can earn, and are entitled to, adequate salaries—if the following advertisement for a charge nurse, in an Irish lunatic asylum, is typical of the remuneration offered to nurses who hold such appointments in that country:—

Wanted a charge nurse; must have hospital or

public institution experience. Salary commencing £15, rising by £1 annually to £20, with furnished apartments, rations, uniform, etc. Age twenty to thirty-five years. Apply, in first instance, to Resident Medical Superintendent, sending copies only of testimonials.

It would be interesting to know the salaries offered to the medical and other responsible male officials in the same institution.

APPARENTLY when we get our preliminary school for hospital probationers a course of instruction in upholstering will have to be included in the curriculum if the needs of Irish asylums are to be considered. The Monaghan District Asylum is advertising for an "upholsterer, who will also be required to act as attendant." The remuneration offered to the holder of this unique post is £30 per annum, rising to £35, while "rations, apartment, fuel, light, washing and uniform" are valued at £30 also. We can only say that the asylum authorities get exceptional value for their money if they are able adequately to provide all the things enumerated for £30 a year.

It is rumoured that the committee of an Irish hospital have gravely proposed that the matron and nurses of their institution should share one room. We should advise these gentlemen to turn their attention to securing a like arrangement for the officers and private soldiers in the Army. Their report as to the effect of this arrangement upon the discipline of the troops would be of interest.

WE should like to draw the attention of our readers to the very deserving case of Lesley Gresford Kitching-Ellison, aged eleven years, who is a candidate for admission into the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society, Redhill; her father, a medical man, is dead, leaving a widow and six children totally unprovided for. The case is strongly recommended by Sir Thomas Smith, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and votes will be thankfully received by Mrs. Booth, 4, Westwood Park, Forest Hill.

WE regret much to hear that one of the nursing staff at University College Hospital has succumbed to enteric fever. She died on Friday, November 5th. We understand that several of the nurses have had relapses of this disease, when it was hoped that they were on the high road to convalescence.

WE regret to announce the death of Miss Dorcas Burford, the Superintendent Nurse of the Wakefield Workhouse Infirmary. Miss Burford accidentally scratched one of her fingers with a pair of scissors which had been used at an operation upon a patient suffering from mortification of the foot. A week later, she became ill and delirious, and eventually died. This is one more instance of the risks which are run by nurses in the discharge of their duty.

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