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An active correspondence has been proceeding in our Catholic contemporary, *The Tablet*, about the alleged difficulty women of this sect find in being trained, or in obtaining admission as Nurses upon the Army Staff. Finally, the following letter puts the whole facts of the case into a nutshell, and is, therefore, well worth reprinting here. The writer says:—"I should like to be permitted to say a few words in reply to the letter of your correspondent 'Nemo.' If he will kindly take the trouble to inquire, I think he will find that, as a rule, Catholics wishing to devote themselves to the service of the sick enter some one of the many religious orders for that object—Sisters of Charity, Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of Providence, Bon Secours Sisters, &c.; and that, I believe, is the reason so few are to be found on the Army Staff. I am perfectly convinced that any Catholic, with a proper certificate of training, applying for admission, would invariably receive the same courteous treatment which three Catholic Army Sisters have already experienced, and would *never*, on account of their *religion*, be rejected."

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"I HAVE far too high an opinion of our Army chiefs to insult them even by a shadow of doubt on the subject. But if your correspondent will kindly point out one instance where a properly qualified Catholic candidate has been refused by the military authorities, I shall feel deeply obliged to him. At the present moment there are only two Catholic Sisters in the service (one left at her own request some two or three years ago), and the one referred to by 'Nemo' I am proud to name my friend, and to endorse to the full every word of praise he so appropriately bestows on her. It is more than merited. I owe, too, a deep debt of gratitude to the Middlesex Hospital, having received there a training which has always been of invaluable service to me, and I can with confidence recommend it to any Catholics wishing to become Nurses, and can assure them that there at least their religion will be no bar to their advancement."

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I HEAR that Miss Reynolds, who for fifteen years has filled the post of Lady Superintendent of the Adelaide Hospital at Dublin, is obliged to retire on account of failing health. I am glad to hear, however, that she lately received an address and presentation in recognition of the valuable work she has done for the Hospital, where she will be universally regretted. The presentation consisted of a clock and a purse of sovereigns. S. G.

### THIS WEEK'S VACANCIES.

ADDRESS.	SITUATION.	SALARY.	APPLICATION TO
Bath Royal United Hospital.	Two Head Nurses (not under 25), and must be certificated.	£26.	A.E. Boyce, Esq.
Bath Royal United Hospital.	Four Assistant Nurses. Must state age, height &c., and give testimonials.	£12.	A.E. Boyce, Esq.
Bedford Nurses' Institute.	Thoroughly Trained Nurses.	£25.	Lady Superintendent.
Birmingham Queen's Hospital.	Medical and Surgical Night Nurse.	£20.	Lady Superintendent.
Cottage Hospital.	Nurse in Sole Charge.	£26.	Lady Superintendent, 5, Maidstone Terrace, Sidcup. The Matron.
Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.	Night Nurse, experienced.		
East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich.	Night Nurse.	£20.	The Matron.
Eston Hospital (near Middlesborough).	Trained Nurse.	£25.	The Matron.
Hornsey Infectious Hospital.	Matron Nurse.	£30.	R. C. White, Esq., Southwood Lane, Highgate, N.
Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield.	Fully Trained Nurse.	£25.	Dr. Martin, before Feb. 26.
Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield.	Assistant Nurse.		Dr. Martin, before Feb. 26.
Manchester Hospital for Incurables (Bury Branch Home).	Matron. Must be a Trained Nurse and thorough Housekeeper.	£60.	Richard Armistead, Esq., 7, St. Peter's Sq., Manchester.
Nottingham Lunatic Asylum.	Head Female Attendant, also Trained Hospital Nurse.	£40.	Dr. Tate, Medical Superintendent.
Nursing Home, Buckingham.	Assistant Nurse, or Probationer.		The Rev. Vicar.
Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford.	Nurse for Children's Ward.	£16 to £18.	The Matron.
South Africa.	Trained Nurse.	£40.	Sister Henrietta, Franche, Kidderminster.
Stone Nursing Association, Staffordshire.	Trained Nurse.	£52.	The Secretary.
Teignmouth Infirmary, Devon.	Matron.	£35.	The House Surgeon, by the 25th inst.

### HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS, ETC., COMMUNICATED AND COLLECTED.

THE sixty-first annual report of the committee of the Royal Free Hospital, London, states that several of the City Companies had made further generous contributions to the funds of the Hospital during the past year, while other liberal donors had come forward. The medical report showed that the number of in-patients admitted to the Hospital during the year was 1,823; the average number of patients in the Wards was 133. New side wings were about to be constructed, and provision would be made for two dormitories to accommodate fourteen Nurses each. With the consent of his lordship, Lord Dufferin and Ava was elected president of the Hospital.

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