

objected to lady Nurses; but if by ladies they meant women of good education and gentle bringing up, but who had to earn their bread, he thought anything which tended to shut them out when they were willing to conform to the rules was a most disastrous thing in the interests of the patients. Alderman King and the Chairman, Mr. E. S. Heywood, regarded the present system as so satisfactory that they opposed any change. The latter concluded the discussion by remarking that the presence of ladies on the Private Nursing Staff, on which in the ordinary course of duty they would have to serve, would be a most serious difficulty, as there were ladies who did not like to be attached to this service, and in some families their presence would be a source of serious embarrassment."

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"THERE are two sides to this as to every other question. I know that families do appreciate the presence of 'a lady,' who is also a qualified Nurse, and she would certainly not entail more service, for no Nurse undertakes any duty except those involved by her actual attendance on the patient. Of course enthusiastic young ladies who have 'a craze for Nursing,' but not the patience or endurance to go through the drudgery entailed by this responsible work, should be refused in the interests of the patients, as well as for their own sake, but why any hard and fast rule excluding all ladies should be laid down I am at a loss to conceive, and feel very glad Mr. Alfred Neild and Mr. Simpson had the courage of their opinions, although they proved to be in a minority at the Manchester Infirmary."

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THE discussion on Lady Nurses in the *Standard* actively progresses. Nearly all the writers agree that Nursing is most onerous, as well as most responsible work, but in other respects the divergences of opinion are extreme, and the remedies suggested, equally varied. "Hygeia," on the 11th inst., says that "Our Hospital Matrons may wear what clothes they please, and sometimes may be seen flaunting about from Ward to Ward in trailing silks and satins." This will cause no small amusement to Nurses, who can easily imagine who is the Matron referred to, but is only one proof more of the disgrace and disrepute one person can bring, not only on all other Matrons, but even on the whole profession. In charming contrast, however, "Another Ex-Hospital Sister," speaking from her own personal experience, describes the routine of her work when a Staff Nurse, and concludes: the work was hard, and very hard too, but if others had been trained under a Matron half as able as hers, they were lucky. S. G.

THIS WEEK'S VACANCIES.

ADDRESS.	SITUATION.	SALARY.	APPLICATION TO
Accident Hospital, Barrow-in-Furness.	Night Nurse.	£20.	Matron.
Accident Hospital, Barrow-in-Furness.	Probationer.	£16.	Matron.
Bedford Nurses' Institute, Buckingham.	Trained Nurses (two). Head Nurse, Nursing Home.		Lady Superintendent. Vicar, The Vicarage, Buckingham.
County District Nursing.	Trained Nurse (Med., Surgery, and Midwifery)	£75.	Miss Edwards, Byethorn, Corbridge-on-Tyne, R.S.O.
City of Birmingham Scarlet Fever Hospital.	Superintendent of Nurses.	State salary required	Medical Superintendent, City Hospital, Lodge Road.
Denbighshire Infirmary, Denbigh.	Head Nurse, well trained, knowledge of Welsh.	£25.	House Surgeon, with recent testimonials.
District Nursing, &c.	Trained Nurses.	£45.	Lady Wimborne, 22, Arlington Street, W.
Glasgow Maternity Hospital.	Nurses to train in Midwifery and Monthly Nursing	£10 fee.	Matron, 87, North Portland St., Glasgow.
Glasgow Royal Infirmary.	Superintendent of Medical Night Nurses.	£30.	Secretary.
Ilkley Orphanage.	Experienced Matron.	£20 inclusive.	Mrs. Knight, The Pastures, Ilkley, Yorks.
Ilkley Orphanage.	Sub-Matron.	£18.	Mrs. Knight, The Pastures, Ilkley, Yorks.
Leicester Institution of Trained Nurses.	Trained Nurses (four).		Miss Tanner, Nurses' Home, Aylestone Rd., Matron.
Miller Hospital, Greenwich, Newcastle-on-Tyne.	Staff Nurse.	£22.	
Parish Work.	District Nurse (gentlewoman).	£40.	Superintendent, 4, Gresham Place.
Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford.	Trained Nurse (Churchwoman).		Miss Norris, Shaftford, Guildford.
Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford.	Charge Nurse for Children's Ward (16 beds).	£18	Matron.
Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford.	Probationer.	£12	Matron.
Uterine Case.	Trained Nurse (second).	£35.	G. Hodgson Wright, Esq., Surgn. Halifax.

HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS, ETC., COMMUNICATED AND COLLECTED.

THE annual report of the Swansea and South Wales Nursing Institute shows that the public interest in the Institution had continued during this, the sixth year of its existence, and that there had been a progressive increase in its work and usefulness. The staff of Nurses had been considerably augmented, and the demand had fully kept pace with the supply. The result was an advance in the amount received for their services and in that expended. The income for the year was £816 5s. 6d., £190 15s. 9d. more than in the previous year; the subscriptions were £146 12s., an increase of £8 18s.; and the earnings

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