

Wood's letter, which appeared in these columns on the 16th inst.

NURSING matters have now penetrated within the walls of Parliament. If one may assume to be correct the statements embodied in a question which was latterly asked in the House of Commons by Mr. W. A. McArthur, a lady, presumably young, applied recently for the post of Nurse at Hatfield Workhouse, and produced a letter of support from Mr. Spurgeon. The guardians, when this formidable fact was stated to them, immediately struck the lady's name off the list of eligible candidates. Mr. McArthur "wanted to know" whether the Local Government Board, which is supposed to exercise some supervision over local boards of guardians, "sanction this treatment of Nonconformists, or intend to take any action in the matter." Probably, if the other side of the story could be revealed, there was no question of the Nurse's sectarian views ever raised at all.

THE Scottish Branch of the Queen Victoria Nurses' Institute, has, I hear, recently been opened at a temporary house in North Charlotte Street, Edinburgh. Miss Peter, late of the Royal Sick Children's Hospital, Edinburgh, who was some time ago appointed Lady Superintendent, has commenced to work with three Nurses and District Probationers, and a fourth will shortly be added. Arrangements have been made to receive Nurses, subject to the required previous Hospital training, to complete their training, either at their own expense, or at that of the Institute.

It is a significant sign of the improvements which have latterly been made in our Poor Law Infirmarys, and especially in their Nursing departments, that so many of these are now attracting to themselves such energetic workers, with the inevitable result that still further improvements are made. I hear, for example, that the Guardians of the Kensington Infirmary now admit ladies, who are already Trained Nurses, as Pupils to undergo a three months' course of instruction in Midwifery, at a charge of ten guineas to cover the cost of board and lodging. Four of these Students are admitted every year. Each obtains practical experience by working with the Midwife, and is assisted in her preparation for the theoretical part of the Examination of the Obstetrical Society of London—the diploma of which, I believe, is held by the energetic and popular Matron, Miss Close.

A NEW departure has been made in the Nursing of German sailors on the sick-list. It is reported that the Women's Association has decided to send Countess Asta Blücher and Frau von Bok

to Zanzibar, where they will superintend the Nursing in Hospital of invalids belonging to the German navy and Captain Wissmann's forces. These ladies, I hear, left for the East Coast of Africa at the beginning of this month.

I SEE from the papers this week that Miss Mary B. Russell, a sister of Sir Charles Russell, was the pioneer Sister of Mercy on the Pacific coast. She went to California from Ireland in 1854. She has at present under her command a Hospital, a Magdalen asylum, and schools near San Francisco.

THIS WEEK'S VACANCIES.

ADDRESS.	SITUATION.	SALARY	APPLICATION TO
Belgrave Hospital for Children, 79, Gloucester Street, Fimlico, Benges, Hertford.	Nurse.		Lady Superintendent.
Bicester, Oxon.	Trained Nurse.	£30.	Matron, Nurses' Home.
Bournemouth National Sanatorium for Consumption.	District Nurse.		Mrs. Tubb, Red House.
Brecknock Infirmary.	Lady Superintendent and House-keeper.	£50.	Secretary.
Brompton Hospital for Consumption.	Nurse Matron.	£20.	W. Powell-Price, Esq., Brecon.
Devonport Royal Albert Hospital.	Trained Nurse.	£25.	Lady Superintendent.
Edinburgh.	Certificated Nurses (Private Nursing).	£25.	Matron.
Gartnavel Glasgow Royal Asylum for Lunatics.	Trained Nurses for District Work.		Superintendent, 5, Charlotte Street.
Guildford Royal Surrey County Hospital.	Matron for Higher Class Department.	£80.	J. Roxburgh Strong, O.A., 110, W. George St., Glasgow.
Peterborough District Nursing Association.	Assistant Nurse.	£16 to £18.	Matron.
Ramsgate Northwood Fever Hospital.	Trained Nurse.	£30.	Miss F. Saunders, Precincts, Peterborough.
Workhouse Infirmary Nursing Association.	Nurse.	£25.	Matron.
	Trained Nurses.		Hon. Secretary, 6, Adam Street, Strand.

HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS, ETC., COMMUNICATED AND COLLECTED.

THE Officers and Members of the No. 4 Company of the Volunteer Medical Staff Corps recently sent out invitations for a Conversazione, held last Saturday, in the fine old picturesque hall of the Worshipful Company of Tallow Chandlers, Dowgate Hill, Cannon Street, E.C., and a well-attended interesting function it proved to be. A very excellent programme of music, vocal and instrumental, and recitations being given, besides a complete and elegant display of Ambulance, Nursing, Hygienic, and Surgical appliances being made. We particularly admired the exhibits of Messrs. Seabury and Johnson, 46, Jewin Street;

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