

Jones, the chief nurse, has died after three days' illness, and at the inquest Dr. Miller said deceased died from influenza, with kidney complications. Dr. Thursfield deposed that the post-mortem showed nothing inconsistent with death from natural causes. The inquest was adjourned to allow Dr. Stevenson, of Guy's Hospital, to make analytical tests.

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TRAINED nurses have been summoned from London, and everything is being done, both by doctors and nurses, for the care of the inmates. The Hatton Asylum contains upwards of 800 patients, so that a contagious epidemic is a very serious matter, and the medical superintendent and matron will, no doubt, receive much sympathy from the general public.

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FROM the *Grantham Times* we learn that there are now two nurses in connection with the Grantham Victoria nursing association. Nurse Wood, who joined Nurse Pemberton last week, received her Hospital training at Dumfries, N.B., and after a short period of private nursing was instructed in district work in one of the Liverpool homes affiliated with the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute. Since then Nurse Wood has been engaged at Camden Town, whence she came to Grantham on January 14th.

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FOLLOWING the advent of Nurse Wood, the town has been divided into two districts, one nurse being placed in charge of each. The work is carried out on lines laid down by the Jubilee Institute, as followed throughout the kingdom, and the system has proved most successful. Half-hour visits are the rule, though some cases necessarily occupy more time—and acute cases are visited twice a day. There is at the home a supply of bedclothes, linen, etc., to be lent to necessitous invalids. This clothing has been given by supporters of the Association, many of whom have been exceedingly generous.

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MISS J. BLOWER, the Matron of the District Nurses' Home, Ardwick, Manchester, has written to the *Manchester Guardian*, pointing out that the district nurses are often at their wits' end for a suitable conveyance for removing critical cases to hospital. The city possesses an excellent ambulance carriage, provided by the liberality of an unknown donor, but, at present, this is used for accidents only. It seems only reasonable that this carriage should be used, as Miss Blower suggests, for all serious cases which are not infectious. We hope that her letter will have the effect of producing this result.

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SOME of the parishioners of Bushbury, near Wolverhampton, are indignant that their parish

nurse, who, apparently, has won golden opinions, and who is described as a "bright, energetic young woman," is being removed, as being "too old for her work," by a committee of four. More than one person is asking for an explanation in the local press, and it is hinted that, unless this is forthcoming, the committee will find a very considerable falling off in the funds, as those who pay the piper are determined to choose the tune. It is suggested that the nurse's religious opinions may have something to do with the action of the committee.

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GENERAL MERCER'S appeal for assistance in starting a Nursing Association in the Punjab has been warmly supported by Surgeon-General A. H. de Renzy, formerly Sanitary Commissioner in the Punjab, who points out that it is lamentable that so many lives are lost each year from enteric fever, in which disease, as our readers are well aware, good nursing is quite as essential to recovery as medical attendance. It is estimated that when once the home is started, sufficient funds will be raised in the Punjab to make it self-supporting. Already a committee of ladies, formed at Lahore, under the presidency of Lady Mackworth Young, the wife of the Lieutenant-Governor, have, in consultation with a small committee of gentlemen, raised Rs. 6000, and it is calculated that if about £400 is raised in England by February 15th, and remitted, the home can be opened by March 1st. We hope that General Mercer's appeal will meet with a prompt response from Anglo-Indians and others.

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THE Annual Conference of Superintendents of American and Canadian Hospitals will take place at Toronto on February 9th and 10th. Miss Agnes Snively, Matron of the General Hospital, Toronto, and President of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, will preside. We have pleasure in publishing a list of the papers which will be read, with the names of the ladies who contribute them. 1. "How to Attain Greater Uniformity in Ward Work," Miss Riddle, Boston City Hospital. 2. "Practical Diet Kitchens as part of a Uniform Curriculum," Miss Stowe, Rhode Island Hospital. 3. "Hospital Diet from the Standpoint of a Hospital Superintendent," Miss Davis, University of Pennsylvania Hospital. 4. "Hospital Laundries," Miss Nevins, Garfield Hospital. 5. "How far are Training Schools responsible for Lack of Ethics among Nurses," Miss Allerton, Homœopathic Hospital, Rochester. 6. "The Superintendent of Nurses," Miss Richards, University of Pennsylvania Hospital.

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