

and his mistress went abroad. What was to become of him? Though he was a most charming companion, affectionate, amusing, and beguiling to a degree, he was, to use a well-known expression, "not everybody's money," for truth compels us to own that he was exceedingly mischievous. His mistress wished to take him with her, and wrote to the P. & O. Company to know what the cost would be. She received an answer to say that the Company were not at any time anxious to carry monkeys on their ships, but that they did not mind making an exception in this instance, and that his fare would be "£5 as far as Aden (where he would have to tranship), which, needless to say, would not include board and attendance." It seemed hardly worth while to spend some £10 to convey Mac back to monkey land, so with great reluctance he was left at home. He found a home where he was made much of, for a while, but eventually his new owner went abroad, and Mac went to board at the Zoo.

THE *Trained Nurse*, this month, defends the American custom of clothing the dead in the garments they are accustomed to wear during life, in contra-distinction to English simplicity. Perhaps our English habit approximates more closely to this than is realized, for it is generally recognized that a bishop should be vested in his episcopal robes, a priest in his cassock, a sister of charity in her habit, and so on. There would, to our mind, be nothing incongruous in a nurse being dressed in her uniform, but any extremes of fashion, costly dresses, or finery, seem to us to be out of place in the preparation of a body for the grave.

It is with much regret that we record the death of Miss Florence Eva Morgan, the Acting Lady Superintendent of the General Plague Hospital and Nursing Establishment at Bombay. Miss Morgan, who was a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and a Registered Nurse, was trained and certificated at St. George's Hospital. She left England on the 20th of October last, as one of the nursing sisters sent out under the India Office to nurse the plague, to which disease she herself succumbed on Monday last. A nurse can desire no better end than to die at the post of duty; but to Miss Morgan's relations and friends we offer our sincere sympathy. We do not doubt that there will be many nurses willing and ready to fill the vacancy caused by Miss Morgan's death. A necessity of this kind always elicits a response from the bravest and best of nurses, and it will always be a fact to the credit of the nursing profession that, when the necessities of the plague stricken of our Indian Empire became known, numbers of well qualified nurses were willing to brave the prospect of certain discomfort, and possible sickness and death, and to uphold the tradition long since established, that, wherever sickness and necessity invoke their assistance, British nurses have always been found ready to respond to the call.

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Prince of Wales has written to the vicar of Stratford-on-Avon wishing success to his efforts to restore the church wherein lie the remains of the national poet, William Shakespeare, and subscribing twenty guineas to the fund.

The Lord Mayor will preside at the annual meeting of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road on March 16th.

The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths have sent a donation of £1000 to the London Hospital Maintenance Fund Appeal.

The increased requirements of examining boards have rendered additional accommodation in the Medical College of the London Hospital imperatively necessary, and a large portion of the College is about to be rebuilt and enlarged.

St. Mark's Hospital, an institution founded for the relief of persons suffering with rectal diseases—diseases which are of the most painful kind, and for which so much relief can be effected by skilled surgery and nursing—has a somewhat depressing report for 1897.

The sixty-second annual meeting of the subscribers was held last week at the Mansion House, the Lord Mayor presiding. The report stated that the in-patients admitted last year were 309, of whom 236 were cured, 40 relieved, four were discharged, and four had died, leaving 25 under treatment. The out-patients treated numbered 886, involving 4131 attendances, and over 200 of them were waiting for admission as in-patients. Nearly half the beds were still closed for want of funds, and consequently, only the most urgent cases were admitted. The committee hoped that renewed efforts would be made to raise sufficient funds to justify them in opening the whole of the wards this year. They had been compelled to sell out additional stock to the amount of £1500 to repay loans and defray current expenses. The Hospital Sunday Fund had awarded £52 10s., and the Hospital Saturday Fund £50. The sum of £52 10s. only had been received from the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund, which the committee felt would not compensate for what, under ordinary circumstances, they might have hoped to receive from the public. The Duke of Connaught had consented to preside at a festival dinner in aid of the hospital on St. Mark's Day, April 25th.

We are much in sympathy with the special hospitals, having proved from personal experience that special diseases receive more skilled treatment as a rule in a special than in a general hospital. We are, therefore, the more sorry that these small and most useful institutions should have suffered so much by the centralization of funds, by the Prince of Wales's Fund, which has diverted their usual subscriptions.

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