

This was received by Sister Marian as an anonymous gift last year, and she has never discovered the donor. Round the wall, over the dado, run texts, and veiling the coffins are the white and red washing palls, now well-known, with texts embroidered on the border.

SISTER MARIAN has received for her ward the gift of an Erhardt piano. Valuable gifts seem to have a fashion of finding their way into the Homœopathic Hospital, perhaps because the donors know that they will be well cared for, appreciated, and used.

A STRONG objection, in our opinion, to the new Central Hospital Council for London is the omission of any direct representation of nursing interests. Surely for the efficient government of public institutions, where sick women are treated, and almost entirely nursed by women, it is preposterous that women should be absolutely excluded from a "Council" formed to discuss and deal with their affairs! The lack of all sense of responsibility, however, upon the part of the matrons and nurses who have lately voted, at the instigation of the Hon. Officers, to deprive themselves of free speech and self-government in the Royal British Nurses' Association, is a ghastly instance in favour of male argument—"that women are not fit for public responsibility." It will be a potent weapon in the

hands of Mr. Labouchere and those in sympathy with his objections to the enfranchisement of women, when this question is next contested in the House of Commons.

UNDER the heading, "The Irrepressible Nurse," a correspondence is published in the *British Medical Journal* between two medical men, on the subject

of a letter received by one of them from the husband of a lady whom he had been engaged to attend in her confinement. The letter was as follows:—

"I am extremely sorry to have cause to give you back word *re* your attendance on Mrs. ——. I have just been able to secure a nurse, who will only take the case in conjunction with her own doctor, so that I have no alternative. If on any future occasion I require medical advice, shall be pleased to have your services."

We are of opinion that it is unprofessional and out of place on the part of a nurse to act in this manner. The duty of the nurse is to nurse the case, and not to act

as an advertising agent for a medical man.

We have pleasure in presenting to our readers an engraving of Miss Dora Pressland, the recently appointed matron of the Durham County Hospital, from a photograph taken by Messrs. Syd. Sawyer, of Newcastle. We hope in the future to publish photographs of those ladies who have obtained important appointments in the Nursing world.



MISS DORA PRESSLAND.
Matron of the Durham County Hospital.

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