

Sketches.**SERVICE IN MALE SURGICAL WARD.**

Chaplain observed bare bedstead—lately occupied by a patient seriously ill. At the conclusion of his address he commented on the uncertainty of life, and expressed the hope that all his hearers might follow in due time where their dear brother had gone.

Staff Nurse whispers to Chaplain that the "dear brother" is not dead, but has been removed to "Erysipelas."

Hasty exit of Chaplain.

ON NIGHT DUTY.

Staff Nurse (studying prescription written on the board by house-surgeon on his night rounds), "Ex aqua calida sumendum," to Pro.:—"Just see if there is any 'aqua calida' in the stock cupboard."

Pro., after prolonged hunt is unable to find a bottle so marked.

Staff Nurse:—"Then you will have to give the board to the porter and ask him to tell the house-surgeon that as there is no 'aqua calida' in the ward, I must trouble him to let me have some from the dispensary."

Porter delivers message to house-surgeon.
Strong language.

HIGH LIFE BELOW CHIMNEYS.

Manager of Ward Scrubbers on going a morning round finds a too liberal evidence of the sweep. Upon meeting this functionary in the square she harangues him in unmistakable language. The sweep retaliates in a suitable strain.

Manager of Scrubbers (furiously):—"How dare you address me in rude, vulgar terms; do you know that you are speaking to the Lady Superintendent of the Scrubbers?"

Sweep, with dignity, ironically sweeping the pavement with his hat:—"And I presume, Madam, you ain't aware as you is addressing of the Gentleman Superintendent of the Sweeps?" Friendly relations are restored.

NEW PRO. SET TO "CLEAR UP" THE THEATRE.

"I never expected this, sister."

"And what might you have expected?"

"Oh, a place for private theatricals by the doctors and nurses to amuse the patients."

WARD PREPARED FOR "THE VISIT."

Lady Pupil:—"And when the doctors arrive, sister, do we entertain them with conversation?"

The Royal Red Cross.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the decoration of the Royal Red Cross upon Mother Patrick and Mother Jacoba, in recognition of their services in tending the sick and wounded during the Crimean War.

Appointments.**MATRONS.**

MISS EDWARDS, who is at present Assistant Matron of the Chelsea Hospital for Women, has been appointed Matron of the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road.

MISS MARY DUFFUS has been appointed temporary Matron of the Infectious Hospital, Greenside, near Sheffield. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and has held the position of matron at St. Mary's, Islington. Miss Duffus is a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association and a Registered Nurse.

In reporting the fact that Miss Elphick took the chair at the last Sessional Meeting of the R.B.N.A. it should have been stated that she was the late matron of the North London Hospital for Consumption. Miss Elphick resigned that position in January last, and was succeeded by Miss Jessie Whitton.

Appointments Abroad.

MISS BLANCHE BRICKNELL has been appointed Matron of the Carrington Convalescent Hospital, in connection with the Prince Alfred Hospital at Sydney, New South Wales. Miss Edith Carpendale has been appointed Sister, and Misses Lily Banfield and Theresa Richardson nurses in the same institution. This institution admitted 1153 patients last year, and is doing much good work in building up the health of those convalescing after serious illness.

Legal Matters.**NURSE CONVICTED OF THEFT.**

LESLIE CATHERINE DAVIES, by occupation a nurse, was recently charged, in the Edinburgh Police Court, with stealing two leather purses, containing £7 10s. The accused pleaded guilty. The Public Prosecutor said one of the purses belonged to a domestic servant in the house, and the other to a lady whom the accused was nursing. Baillie Robertson said that he was always averse to sending anyone to prison for the first offence, and in view of the circumstances of the case, and the excellent character hitherto borne by Nurse Davies, he would give her the option of finding caution, but the case was a serious one, and the fine would have to be substantial—£10, or twenty days.

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