

permission to reproduce in this journal a beautiful photograph, sent to her by a lady friend in Athens, of a piece of statuary sculptured in memory of the care of the wounded in war. This friend writes that to be correct the ministering woman should have been represented in the charming uniform of the English Sisters. This is a kind thought, but we are inclined to think the classical drapery preferable. The dual spirits of sympathy and gratitude are finely portrayed in the expressions of the wounded Evzone and his nurse.

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"THE annual ball in connection with the North Riding Infirmary, Middlesborough, was given on Monday in the accident ward of the institution, which had been cleared out and decorated with bunting, prettily tinted muslins, and plants. Dancing continued till an early hour on Tuesday morning. An excellent supper was provided by the institution."

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So runs the account in the local press. We have on previous occasions expressed our opinion as to the unsuitability of converting a hospital ward into a temple of Terpsichore. Various questions occur at once to the most casual reader. Where were

the accident patients "cleared out" to? What would have happened if an accident had been brought in? Do the subscribers to the North Riding Infirmary anticipate that a portion of their subscriptions will be devoted to providing excellent ball suppers? And, lastly, was Mr. Hall Caine

one of the one hundred and sixty invited guests?

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THE following is a specimen of the manner in which the Belfast Board of Guardians discuss nursing questions—according to the *Irish News* :—

"The board had under consideration a report handed in some weeks ago by the committee appointed to investigate the complaint, that one of the nurses of the infirmary had frequently overstayed her leave.

"After a considerable amount of desultory discussion, it was moved by Mr. W. T. Doran, and seconded by Mr. Wm. Ross, that the report be referred to the infirmary superintendent and the nurse for explanation.

"Mr. Alex. Thompson moved as an amendment that the report of the committee be adopted, and that the nurse be reprimanded for overstaying her leave.

"Mr. Dawson seconded.

"An excited debate followed, but the hubbub of conversation in all parts of the room was so great that little of it could be caught by the reporters.

"Mr. Ross was speaking in support of the resolution, when—



"The gentler born the maiden, the more bound,
My father, to be sweet and serviceable
To noble knights in sickness."—*Lancelot and Elaine.*

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