

Moore has, say these doctors, by the inauguration of trained nursing in Ottawa, revolutionized the work, and made possible what was before impossible.

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 THE first class of nurses graduated from the Long Island State Hospital have received their diplomas. It is interesting to know that instruction in the care of the mentally afflicted is included in the course of training given.

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 THE following graphic description by a nurse of her experience during a yellow fever epidemic go to prove that nurses, under such circumstances, should be women of resource. "It was twelve o'clock at night when Mrs. W. woke me up to tell me her husband was taken with a chill. I knew the fever was coming on and that the man ought to have a hot bath, but of course the kitchen fire had gone out. I started to build it, but couldn't find any kindling wood. I remembered having seen some old palings stowed away under the house, so I went out of doors, crawled under there after them in the dark, split one of them up, and started my fire. . . . I did my first chicken-killing during that epidemic, and what is more, I first had to steal the chickens. The folks living next door had run away from the fever, leaving the place in charge of an old negro woman, who was for making a fuss the first time she saw me coming into the back yard, but I told her that, if she said another word, I'd cut her up and make soup out of her for my patients, and after that she quieted down."

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 WE have received from India a copy of the new rules issued to the Nursing Sisters who are nursing the plague at Calcutta. The comment of the *Bombay Gazette* upon these, under a heading "The Indignities of Plague Nursing," is as follows: "The subjoined absurd instructions have been issued for the guidance of the Nursing Sisters who are helping to combat the plague in Calcutta. We imagine no self-respecting lady will, for a moment, submit to such humiliating conditions, and that publication of the instructions is all that is required to bring about their revocation."

We are entirely in sympathy with our contemporary. We fully recognize that it is scarcely possible for the Sisters to be too discreet, and if any have acted unwisely and brought discredit upon their cloth, they have proved themselves unsuitable for the positions they hold, and their services should be dispensed with. But there are many good women and true amongst the Sisters, and it is unfair that they should have to suffer for the bad taste of a few. The rules will, we think, defeat their own ends.

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 How many Sisters for instance will accept service in future under such rules as the following?

Sisters must be in to dinner every night and must not leave the premises after dinner, except with the leave of the Lady Doctor. Such leave will not be granted more than once a week, and then only till 11 p.m., except under very special circumstances; the address at which the Sister will be must be given to the Lady Doctor.

Sisters going out driving are required to let the Lady Doctor know their destination and their escort (if any): and she is given authority to modify the arrangements made, if she shall deem it necessary.

Visitors to the Sisters must send in their card to the Lady Doctor.

Sisters to be in bed by 11 p.m.

Visitors may be invited to afternoon tea with the consent of the Lady Doctor. Ladies may occasionally be invited to other meals (with the consent of the Lady doctor), at the expense of the person who invites them.

How does the Lady Doctor like her new duties we wonder? Why should not a Nursing Superintendent be appointed?

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 SOME details as to the way in which the accident to Sister Harris—who, we reported, was bitten by a mad dog—occurred, have come to hand. It seems that she had a pet puppy which, for a few weeks, had been suffering from mange. One afternoon it snapped at the hamal, but did not break the skin. Sister Harris, however, had the dog tied up until she could get advice about it, though it seemed impossible to believe there was anything really wrong with it. The next morning the night watchman unloosed the dog, and the Sister found it sitting on a chair in her room. She went towards it to secure it when it snapped at her, and its tooth scratched her wrist, and drew blood very slightly. A veterinary surgeon was sent for who advised caustic for the wound, and the Hospital for animals for the dog, and later in the day came the terrible news that the dog was undoubtedly suffering from rabies.

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 WE regret to record the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Diamond, who, since 1875 has held the office of Lady Superintendent of the Birmingham and Midland Institution for Trained Nurses. The funeral took place at King's Norton on Monday last, to which place the remains were removed by road. The mourners included the relatives of the deceased; Miss Wenham, temporary Lady Superintendent; several members of the Committee; Miss Geard, Matron, Ear and Throat Hospital; Miss Elkington, Lady Superintendent, Queen's Hospital; Miss Vaux, Matron, Eye Hospital; Miss Glanville, Matron, Royal Orthopædic Hospital; and between forty and fifty nurses.

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