

Surgeon-General claims, are an incumbrance. At the hospitals near Santiago, however, he has now employed nearly one hundred immune women nurses. He is not opposed to the Red Cross under proper regulations, but he states that "many of its so-called nurses had never received any special training to fit them for the duties they were so eager to undertake." We can quite understand that untrained women would be "an incumbrance" in the field, and we are of opinion that only trained, and very highly trained, nurses should be employed. We think, from reports received, there was no lack of fully-trained nurses who were eager that their services should be accepted, and they would surely have been far from incumbrances.

An Epidemic of Enteric Fever.

THE city of Belfast is visited with an epidemic of enteric fever of alarming proportions. During the past week 267 new cases have been reported to the sanitary authorities, making a total of 605 cases during the present month, and bringing the aggregate to nearly 3,000. Dr. Biggar, the executive sanitary officer, stated on Tuesday, at the weekly meeting of the Poor Law Board, that the epidemic was increasing at a terrific pace. Additional accommodation and extra nurses were essential. Every ward in the Fever Hospital was full, and in some cases overcrowded. There were over 100 cases in the Workhouse Hospital, and several of the nurses were broken down from sheer exhaustion. It was decided to advertise at once for two doctors and twelve nurses, and a meeting of medical officers was held to decide what other steps should be taken to deal with the outbreak.

Sketches.

A MALE COMMITTEE.—AN APPOINTMENT AS MATRON.

Good looking candidate (who has just been interviewed by the Committee), discoursing volubly to her fellow-candidates: "Oh, they were very nice, very nice, indeed. The Chairman said, 'You are Miss Jones, I believe.' I said, 'Yes.' 'And your age is—hum—ah, twenty-five, is it not?' I looked at him saucily, and I said, 'Yes, *and the rest!*'"

Quiet candidate in corner (*sotte voce*): "Well, I should think you are out of the running, any way."

Enter Secretary: "Miss Jones, will you kindly go into the Committee Room, the Committee wish to see you." To the rest: "We need not trouble you to remain longer, thank you ladies, the Committee have appointed Miss Jones?"

THE SEQUEL.—THREE MONTHS LATER.

Matron required for the — Hospital.

Comment of candidates unselected on the previous occasion, "Anybody but men would have known,"

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS HENRY OF BATTENBERG, as President of the Victoria Society for Nursing the Sick Poor in Gosport and Alverstoke, showed her personal interest in the Society by attending its first annual meeting on Saturday last. Her Royal Highness was attended by Miss Minnie Cochrane, and Lord William Cecil, and embarked early in the afternoon at Cowes in the Royal Yacht, and crossed to Portsmouth. On disembarking at the Victualling Yard, the Princess was driven to Thorngate Hall, where she was received by a guard of honour consisting of the Gosport detachment of the 3rd V. B. Hampshire Regiment, under the command of Captain Churcher, the band playing the National Anthem.

AFTER a loyal and hearty welcome had been tendered to Her Royal Highness, in the name of the inhabitants, by Mr. G. Cooke, Chairman of the Gosport District Committee, the meeting was addressed by Admiral Field, M.P., who said he did not know a single parish in England where such a society could be established with more advantage than in that parish. A resolution was passed expressing cordial sympathy with the Society, and pledging the meeting to give it further support.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS subsequently presented certificates and medallions to members of the St. John Ambulance Association, and the Distinguished Order to Mrs. Everett Munby, the local hon. secretary, and, on leaving the hall, inspected the Volunteers in an adjacent field. They were supposed to have been in action, thus affording an opportunity to the members of the St. John Ambulance Association to display their skill in attending to the wounded. The Princess expressed her pleasure at all that she has seen, as well as at the arrangements made for her reception.

SOME allegations made by a woman with reference to the alleged ill-treatment of her sister, a patient in St. George's Infirmary, Fulham Road, by the nurses, were completely disproved at the inquest held on the deceased woman.

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