

one of the male inmates had stated that if he had not happened to awake, and hear one of the other inmates in a fit, the latter would certainly have died in a short space of time. Under such a state of affairs as this, a very heavy responsibility rested upon the nurse and the officials of the House at night, and especially in regard to the epileptic patients. If the outcome was that one of these patients came to harm, the nurse would certainly be held responsible—she could not possibly look after the epileptics as well as attend to her other nursing duties. He felt bound to say that the people were not sufficiently looked after—solely on account of the nursing staff being insufficiently large.

The Master's opinion was strongly supported by the Medical Officer and it was ultimately decided that an assistant nurse should be appointed.

THE Bishop of Wakefield recently opened a nursing institute at Cawthorne, a village about four miles from Barnsley. The building will be known as the Victoria Cottage Institute, an inscription over the door stating that it is a commemoration of the Queen's sixty years of reign. The district nurse will reside on the premises, and it is proposed during the winter months to give instruction in cookery to the girls of the neighbourhood. The institute will be managed by a committee of ladies, the president being Mrs. Montague Spencer Stanhope, the principal promoter of the undertaking.

SIR THOMAS LIPTON has given half-a-dozen bicycles to be raffled for, in aid of the Argyllshire Nursing Association.

DR. W. S. DODD, of the Cæsarea Hospital, has issued a second financial statement. Since January the seven beds of the hospital have been occupied by fifty-five patients, upon whom all sorts of operations have been performed. A blind Mohammedan beggar was one of the patients. He came from a city 300 miles distant, groping and begging his way, in order to have the cataracts which caused his blindness removed. Dr. Dodd reports that his current receipts from private practice and board of in-patients outweigh all current expenditures, so that the hospital is a "good going concern." It is not every man who places to the current account of a hospital the receipts from his private practice! The most novel feature of the report is a statement that "the Matron of the hospital has met with great difficulties in training the women here in nursing; it was considered a low and menial service, and the people generally saw nothing noble in it." In one case the hospital had to find work for the incompetent husband of one of the nurses, "in order that it might seem proper for her to be where male patients were!"

RABIES seems terribly common in India just now, for by the same ship by which Sister Harris came to Europe were three soldiers, passengers, going to Paris to undergo treatment at the Pasteur Institute. All the ownerless dogs about the hospital where Sister Harris was working were ordered to be poisoned. Such dogs are very common in Bombay, and it is not at all unusual to find one, or more, in one's bedroom. It would seem that these animals are a grave source of danger, for it is said that no less than twenty-three people were bitten by mad dogs on the same day as Sister Harris.

THE Red Cross still continues to do excellent work amongst those who are sick and wounded as a result of the recent Hispano-American war.

A reply was received from the Quartermaster-General's Department at Washington, in answer to the executive committee's request for permission to send hospital supplies and delicate foods to Porto Rico. The Quartermaster-General gives permission to send twenty-five tons by the first government vessel to leave for that island. These supplies are intended for the hospital to be established by Red Cross Nurses under Colonel Greenleaf.

A CONTEMPORARY publishes the following interesting account of the work of the Red Cross Nurses at Siboney:—

"These past six days seem like a blur, so any connected account of them is out of the question for anyone who has had anything to do with caring for the wounded. Late last night one of the ambulance wagons came rumbling into camp. Four or five comparative convalescents lay inside of it, and, sitting bolt upright and grasping one of the wagon poles tightly was Clara Barton, fast asleep, enjoying the first solid hour of rest she has had since the battle of Santiago began.

The moment that trouble began at the front Miss Barton started for the field hospital. Mrs. Lesser and the four other nurses have remained here, and have worked indefatigably under Major Lugarde and Dr. Lesser. The brunt of the hardest work has fallen on these young women. There is not one of them who has had more than six hours of sleep since the wounded began to come in last Friday night, and that some of them have not already collapsed, only goes to show what an amount of grit and endurance there is in young American womanhood.

THE heat of the tents, during the morning hours particularly, has been almost insufferable, and none of the men here, except the doctors, have been able to stand the strain of remaining in the operating tent for more than six hours at a time. And yet here for six days have these five noble women been working for twenty-three hours out of each twenty-four,

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