

3. That the Midwifery Fee is 5s. to those whose rental is £10 and under.

The Committee feel if these facts are only kept clearly in mind, and made known in every quarter, that the usefulness of the Association will be materially advanced, and Nurse Kent's work will be proportionate to her zeal.

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THE list of cases published as having been attended by the nurse, is the best evidence of the danger of undertaking monthly nursing and midwifery in conjunction with general nursing. For the same nurse to attend cancer, abscesses (suppurating, and perhaps septic cases, that is to say), and also to act as a midwife, is an indefensible action, and one which when nurses are more alive to their responsibilities than they seem to be at present, it will be impossible to chronicle.

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An elaborate report is being prepared by Miss Clara Barton, President of the Red Cross Society of the United States, of the work done by the numerous humanitarian organizations which took part in relieving the suffering of the wounded during the Spanish-American War. We understand that Miss Barton has written a letter expressing the warm gratitude of the American people to all foreign societies and individuals who have shown practical sympathy with them in their hour of need.

Sketches.

OUTSIDE A GREENGROCER'S SHOP ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ: Two young people in nursing uniform. Greengrocer's assistant.

ASSISTANT: (familiarily) "Hullo, you two again. Who's ill now?"

Answer inaudible.

ASSISTANT: (facetiously) "They'll want three of them to look after you two."

NURSE: "Get along, do."

2ND NURSE: "How much are these apples?"

1ST NURSE: (with a knowing look at assistant and a nudge to her companion) "Twopence to you."

2ND NURSE: "Go on."

The conversation continues in the same strain, but the casual passer-by having heard enough to sicken her, moves on.

And yet we wonder that the nursing profession does not enjoy the public esteem and confidence which it commanded in former days, and that uniform has fallen into disrepute and is looked upon as "fair game" for insult.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Queen has signified her intention to confer the Victoria Cross upon Surgeon William Job Maillard, M.D., R.N., for his conspicuous bravery during the outbreak at Candia on September 6th, 1898. Surgeon Maillard, who had disembarked and reached a place of safety, returned through a deluge of bullets to Her Majesty's ship *Hazard*, to bring into safety Arthur Stroud, ordinary seaman, who had fallen back wounded into the boat as the other men jumped ashore. Surgeon Maillard only failed to bring Stroud in owing to the fact that the boat being adrift it was beyond his strength to lift the man, who was almost dead, from so unstable a platform. He returned to his post with his clothes riddled with bullets, but unhurt.

An appeal has been made by the Committee of the Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund for £30,000, to meet the minimum necessities of the Hospital for the present year, and we hope the sum will soon be subscribed.

On Monday a final meeting of the Committee of the Princess Mary Adelaide Memorial was held at the Mansion House. Alderman Sir Horatio Davies, M.P., who presided, announced that the fund, having reached, and in fact exceeded, the sum of £10,000 required to endow in perpetuity the Home of Rest for Poor Women, Bognor, which a munificent donor was building and furnishing, the subscription list was closed.

A bazaar, in aid of the funds of the Great Northern Central Hospital, arranged by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, will be held on May 3 and 4 at the Portman Rooms, Baker Street. It is believed that the Princess of Wales will open the bazaar, whilst the Duchess of Albany is to have a stall. Although this is not definitely settled, as the Duke of York is president of the Hospital, it is pretty certain to be carried into effect.

The three days' bazaar at Devonshire House, in aid of the Countess de Casa Valencia's London fund for the Spanish sick and wounded, and widows and orphans, of the recent war has realised £1,100.

A bazaar, at which the sum of £166 was realized, was held last Friday and Saturday, at the National Orthopædic Hospital, Great Portland Street. The Hospital, which admits patients from all parts of the world, was founded in 1863 for the treatment of spinal troubles, but the scope of its work was subsequently enlarged, and it now admits patients with every kind of deformity. There are at present sixty beds, eight for men, nine for women, and the rest for children, but double the number could be filled with ease, and still patients would be waiting for admission. It is to be hoped, therefore, the funds of this most useful institution may be largely augmented.

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