

been found in the Thames, and it is feared that by some means that she has been drowned.

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Very many of our readers will hear with the deepest regret of the death of Sister Wheaton, which took place on Monday last. Sister Wheaton was trained at St. Bartholomew's in the eighties, and as Nurse Louttit, was one of the most popular women in the hospital. It does not often happen that the same nurse is a favourite with the authorities, her fellow nurses, and the patients, but Nurse Louttit without any effort, certainly attained this position. She was the Matron's "Koh-i-nor," there was not a nurse or probationer but hailed with delight the news that she was to work in the same ward with her; and as for the patients, they were uniformly devoted to the cheery, motherly woman, whose presence always seemed to breathe comfort and strength, restfulness and peace. Nurse Louttit seemed to possess, naturally, all the characteristics which go to make an ideal nurse, and she—more perhaps than anyone we have ever known—was the embodiment of the perfection which can be attained by the blending of a unique personality with the skill and knowledge of the thoroughly-trained nurse.

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In 1889, much to the regret of her colleagues who were loth to let her go from the work which she fulfilled with so much credit, Nurse Louttit married, and her husband dying four years later she again resumed her professional work. She acted as Staff Nurse at Gordon House Home Hospital for a year, and then became a Member of the Registered Nurses' Society, upon the staff of which she has remained until the present time, and has supported by her work, not only her own children, but her husband's former family. Here again she was most popular, both with her patients and with the medical men for whom she worked, and her services were always in demand. By her death the Registered Nurses' Society has lost one of its oldest and most valued members, and we cannot refrain from expressing our own sense of personal loss from the death of one whose whole life has gone to prove that—though they may be few and far between—there are nurses in whose interests the work of a lifetime is well bestowed.

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Nurses in the States are taking up hourly and daily nursing in all the cities. For cases requiring about six hours the fee is \$4, for an attendance of one hour \$1, for each successive hour or fraction thereof 50 cents. The nurse can do a great deal in an hour, and the patients who are unable to have her services constantly have found the new arrangement a great convenience. In London also we find nurses engaged in visiting nursing make a very satisfactory income, the work, however, requires much energy and discretion.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Dr. James Purves Stewart has been appointed physician to the Westminster Hospital. He was formerly the Senior House Physician of the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic.

Dr. Ewart has been elected senior physician at St. George's Hospital; Dr. H. D. Rolleston has been elected physician to the hospital; Dr. A. C. Latham has been elected assistant physician.

Mr. Hutchinson has been elected surgeon to the London Hospital; Mr. Roxburgh has been elected assistant surgeon.

Mr. Stanley Kent, of St. Thomas' Hospital, who has been working at vaccinia since 1893, has succeeded in discovering the specific organism upon which it depends. He has further prepared pure cultures of the germ, and has used them for vaccination. The discovery, it is contended, whilst being of high scientific interest, is of more importance from a practical point of view, as the possibility of using pure cultures for vaccination disposes of the chief argument of the anti-vaccinator, namely, that diseases may be communicated to the children vaccinated by the use of impure lymph.

By invitation of the Duchess of Sutherland a large number of ladies attended a drawing-room meeting at Stafford House on Saturday afternoon, to arrange the preliminaries of a monster bazaar, to be held in June, 1899, in aid of the special appeal being made by the council of Charing Cross Hospital for their improvement fund. Her Majesty the Queen has graciously extended her patronage to the bazaar.

The Duchess presided, and in her speech referred to the special needs of the hospital—the wards of which she had recently visited—especially with regard to the nursing home and out-patient's department.

It was announced that the theatrical profession had generously come forward to help, and that Sir Henry Irving, Mr. George Alexander, Mr. W. H. Kendal, Mr. Beerbohm Tree, Mr. Edward Terry, Mr. Charles Wyndham, Mr. Cyril Maude, and Mr. Arthur Bourchier were amongst who had promised to assist.

The ladies at the meeting kindly offered their help, and Princess Hatzfeldt (of the German Embassy), Julia Marchioness of Tweeddale, Countess Chesterfield (president of the Bazaar Committee), Countess Carrington, Lady de Lisle, Lady Hillingdon, Lady Cunard, Lady Eleanor Harbord, Mrs. Arthur Paget (hon. sec. of the Committee), Mrs. Ronalds, Mrs. Hwfa Williams, Mrs. Claude Stracey, Mrs. Henry Labouchere, Mrs. Percy Borrett, Mrs. Kitto, and Mrs. Bruce.

Letters promising assistance came from Princess Alexis Dolgorouki, Duchess of Westminster, Duchess of Wellington, Duchess of Somerset, Marchioness Caesar de Sain, Countess of Bective, Countess of Essex, Lady Helen Vincent, Lady Hothfield, Lady Colebrooke, Lady Dickson Poynder, Mrs. Julius Wernher, and others.

It is expected that the bazaar will form the greatest society function of the season.

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