

leaving the town to go to Arundel in Surrey. Whilst she has been in Rochdale she has taught a mothers' class at the Parish Church Sunday schools, and the members of the class and a few friends subscribed to present her with a handsome gold watch and chain as a token of their esteem and appreciation of her work. Archdeacon Wilson made the presentation at the schools on Saturday evening. The Nurse's popularity was evidenced by the large attendance, over 300 persons partaking of tea, which was served before the presentation was made. In handing the gifts to Nurse Johnson Mr. Wilson spoke of her invaluable work in the parish, and said she had endeared herself to great numbers of people. In the course of a suitable acknowledgment Nurse Johnson said the greatest gratitude they could show to her would be by treating her successor in the same kind manner as they had always treated her.

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THE terrible position in which three more medical men find themselves—charged with performing illegal operations on women—must cause indignation and distress to the whole medical profession; but at least the large body of honourable men who compose it, have the satisfaction of knowing that if the accused are proved guilty, their names can be removed from the Medical Register by the General Medical Council, and thus dissociated from those who honour their profession. How different is the position of trained nurses! Owing to lack of legal status the trained nurse has no redress when a colleague brings disgrace upon the whole profession, and in the eyes of the public suffers much humiliation when one of her class is convicted of crime.

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THE second trial of the unhappy woman Brandish, for the murder of her illegitimate child is proceeding. We have enquired from many Lying-in-Hospitals, but in every instance all knowledge of her is denied; no reputable institution is anxious to claim her as a pupil. We learn, however, that she is the daughter of a village innkeeper, and was herself a barmaid before "taking up the nursing!" The short training in maternity nursing, given to persons of such antecedents in return for a fee, is responsible for many black sheep in our ranks, as after a few week's residence at a Lying-in-Hospital, the pseudo bar-maid dons a becoming nursing uniform, and unfortunately does not always at the same time assume that sobriety of conduct, which is essential in the sick room, if not behind the bar.

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It is reported that Miss Ada Harris, late of the Royal Free Hospital, a Sister, who has been employed in attending to plague cases in the

Bombay Hospitals, having been bitten by a dog suffering from rabies, has been sent to the Pasteur Institute in Paris for treatment. We sincerely hope that no serious effects will result.

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GENERAL satisfaction has been felt in the Irish nursing world owing to the recognition by the Queen of the good work of the eleven nurses, who attended to the patients suffering from typhus fever at Iniskea, by conferring upon them the diplomas granting them the rank of honorary serving Sisters of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

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WE learn that the Nurses at the Babies' Home at Milwaukee have gone on strike, owing to an order from the board of directors compelling them to scrub floors. Mrs. M. A. Miller, superintendent of the institution, and Miss Leonard, her assistant, have sent in their resignations, as they sympathise with the nurses. The directors of the home recently concluded that the nurses did not do enough work, and passed the objectionable order. The nurses claim that scrubbing floors is not in their line of professional duties, and we agree with them.

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MISS GRACE FORMAN has an excellent article in this month's *Nursing World* on the Trained Nurses' Educational Exhibit in New York, from which we should imagine the benefit of this display could not be over-estimated either to the public or the nursing profession in the States.

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WE know with what taste Miss M. E. Wadley and her able assistant, Miss Annie Schenk, designed the *toute ensemble* of her nurses' exhibit, and from all accounts they were enthusiastically supported by the leading training schools, and many novelties were shown, with which we are not yet acquainted on this side of the water.

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FOR instance, one firm showed a beautiful exhibit of surgical supplies, and we learn that the nurses were most pleased with the floating glass labels for antiseptic lotions, evidently to be placed in the basins to save the surgeon any hesitation as to which lotion is to hand during an operation or a dressing.

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Who amongst us has seen a hot air bed with steam pipes boxed under the mattress and attachable to any steam pipes, used in the treatment of cases of sun stroke and analagous cases? And the nurses of the same hospital also showed a most complete "Mortuary-basket" which sounds orderly and useful,

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