

members of the Committee, the Honorary Medical Staff, the Nursing Staff, and Household, several "patients" also offering evidence of their gratitude and affection. Miss Beachcroft is now on the South Coast, where, it is to be hoped, the fresh air and rest will speedily restore her well-known energy.

MISS ROSE PETTY, the first nurse appointed by the London School Nurses' Society, has published a pamphlet on "Cleanliness in Children." It is intended principally for Poor Law Guardians, Teachers, and others who come in contact with the very poor. Many of the ills from which children of the poorer classes at present suffer will be abolished if the working classes understand and practise cleanliness, and such a book should therefore be of great use.

AMONG the applicants for relief to the St. Albans' Guardians recently, was the widow of a Crimean veteran, who had died in very indigent circumstances. The woman acted as nurse throughout the Crimean campaign, and her father was for 25 years in the English coastguard service. The board granted liberal relief, the Chairman and several members expressing the opinion that it was scandalous for the country to allow such people to become destitute, and there was great need for improvement in the treatment of the widows of army veterans. The present conditions were a national disgrace.

WE agree with the St. Albans' Guardians, and hope the Chairman of the Board will take steps to bring this poor woman's need to the notice of the War Office.

AT Croom Board of Guardians a sealed order was recently received from the Local Government Board dismissing the Matron and two of the nurses for permitting a dance in the fever hospital ward one night last August. A number of officers and inmates assembled and had dancing and singing, with instrumental music, for some hours, notwithstanding that there were some patients in the vicinity. Others of the officials were reprimanded by the Board, and Wardsman Madden dismissed for drunkenness. The guardians unanimously passed a resolution asking the Local Government Board to review Miss O'Keeffe's case, as she had acted innocently in the transaction.

DANCING in all Infirmaries under the jurisdiction of the Local Government Board should be strictly prohibited. This form of amusement is most unseemly where sick people are gathered together, and officials of every class have now such liberal times off duty that amusement should be enjoyed during these hours.

At the recent examinations held at the Dublin Metropolitan Technical School for Nurses the highest number of marks was obtained by Miss Elizabeth W. Mahaffy, of the Richmond, White-worth, and Hardwicke Hospitals, and she has been awarded the silver medal.

The "Irish Times" shows itself fully alive to the importance of a central school for nurses, and remarks:—

"So valuable is the education given at this central school that it may be compared to a college in which the probationers from the various hospitals may graduate, receiving a diploma that would at once place them in first rank of the nursing profession.

"Co-operation with the scheme is strongly advocated, as it is only by this means that a uniform diploma for nurses can ever be granted, the varied character of the training in the different hospitals precluding such a certificate being given under the old system.

"So many posts under the new Local Government are likely to be opened for women, that it behoves those who would become candidates to arm themselves with the best diplomas, as the competition will be keen and the selection, it is to be hoped, will be of the fittest."

A LARGE and influential number of persons assembled in the Molesworth Hall, Dublin, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the friends and supporters of the St. Patrick's Nurses' Home, which is affiliated with the Queen Victoria's Institute, amongst those present being her Excellency the Countess Cadogan, the Marchioness of Londonderry, the President of the Royal College of Physicians, the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, the Dean of St. Patrick's and many others.

THE Archbishop of Dublin, who was in the Chair, stated that St. Patrick's Nurses' Home was founded some 12 or 13 years before the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, and the delegates of the Institute who came to Dublin were surprised to find so well worked a Home in existence. St. Patrick's Home subsequently undertook the training of the Jubilee nurses for the City of Dublin, and country districts, so far as Protestant nurses were concerned; and the St. Lawrence Institution undertook that of the Roman Catholic nurses. The nurses were a great boon and blessing to the sick poor and were helping toward the solution of one of the most pressing social questions, that of bridging over the gap which separates the poor in large towns from those who are better off.

THE adoption of the report was moved by Mr. J. H. Campbell, Q.C., M.P., who also pro-

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