

the hospital is shortly to be rebuilt, and extra accommodation, which is so urgently needed, will then be provided, and the Committee are earnestly appealing for donations towards the sum of £10,000, which it is calculated will be necessary to complete the new building.

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A SATISFACTORY feature in the report was that the sum of £16 4s. 1d. had been raised by patients by means of collecting cards, a strong proof that they appreciate the benefits of the institution. The Hospital is also fortunate in possessing an energetic Ladies' Committee, the only body connected with the hospital—as one gentleman remarked—who ever seemed to have any money in hand. Last year this Committee raised £175 7s. by a Sale of Work, and they are this year maintaining a free bed and cot, besides providing articles of clothing for patients, and furniture for the wards.

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A MOST cordial vote of thanks to the Matron, Miss Frances Hole, was carried by acclamation, the Chairman stating that he hardly knew how sufficiently to express what he felt on this subject. A better Matron it would be impossible to find, and he knew she was held in high appreciation by all who came in contact with her. He believed she was the very best Matron in London.

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WE have on more than one occasion pointed out that, taking into consideration the question of rent, rates, and taxes in the centre of London, it is quite impossible for private nursing homes to charge prices which middle class patients can afford to pay. We are therefore glad to learn that a General Nursing Hostel has been opened at Warrington Crescent, Maida Hill, W., where patients can be received for the uniform inclusive charge of £3 3s. a week. The House is in an airy, and sunny situation, and easily accessible both by omnibus and rail. We have no doubt that it will meet a need. The Lady Superintendent is Miss Gartly, and the Secretary Mrs. Stratford Malone, from whom further information can be obtained.

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It is always pleasant to know that one's work is appreciated, and we offer our sincere congratulations therefore to Miss Horton, the Parish Nurse at Malvern Link, who was recently presented with a dressing case, and an engrossed address, by some of the inhabitants of the parish. About 100 subscribers were present when the presentation was made. The room kindly lent for the occasion was decorated with evergreens, and Miss Horton's entrance was the signal for hearty applause, and a shower bouquet was handed to

her. Mrs. Chant, who made the presentation, said that she could not say more about Miss Horton than those present already knew, and proceeded to make over the gifts to the nurse. Miss Horton said that words quite failed her to thank those present as she would like to do, but she thanked them very much and would always treasure their beautiful presents.

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AT the Annual Meeting of the York Home for Nurses, Mr. W. Draper, Senior Surgeon to the York Dispensary, stated as his opinion, strongly held, that male patients should be nursed by male nurses, and said that he objected to the nursing of men by women on moral as well as on many other grounds. Furthermore, it was unnecessary, as the nursing in the army and navy was done by male orderlies, and done well. Indeed, some nursing duties might be better performed by men than by women; he therefore advocated the extension of the system to civil life. There would be no difficulty in obtaining the services of plenty of temperate, respectable, and sufficiently-educated young men who would be willing to qualify themselves as efficient male nurses. He trusted that the time was not far distant when every nursing institution of importance would have its branch of male nurses. At present there existed in London a very successful male nurses' co-operation, having on its staff about 100 nurses, whose average earnings per man amounted to about £100 a year after all expenses were paid. It is an unfortunate moment to instance the success of the method of nursing by orderlies in the army and navy, when public attention is being drawn to the incompetency of the system at present in force. A system so manifestly unsatisfactory that sooner or later there is little doubt that the whole of the Army Nursing Service must be re-organized.

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ONCE more the sad fact is reported of the suicide of a nurse while on night duty. It appears that a nurse, who was on the staff of the North Shields Workhouse, had complained of the long hours on night duty, and subsequently ended her life by taking a dose of opium. A letter was found, before her death, making allegations against two nurses, and saying she could not put up with the life any longer. She added: "The world will say I am not right—I am right." At the inquest the nurses referred to denied the allegations on oath, and a verdict was returned of "Suicide while in a state of temporary insanity."

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THE strain of night duty, more especially to a conscientious nurse, is well known, and one to which most Matrons are keenly alive. It would

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