

nursing education is proceeding on wise lines at Lewisham, and reports of progress in nursing education come to us from many quarters, and makes us very glad.

THE inglorious side of war was painfully evidenced a short time ago when a batch of sick men from Egypt detained at Aldershot on their way to the Cambridge Hospital. Some two score of haggard and emaciated men, many of them being clad in thin Indian red serges, without any additional covering, stood about on the draughty platform while the roll was being called and the ranks formed with the precision dear to the military mind. The mere layman, however, longed to dispense with formalities, and to envelop the shivering fever-stricken men in warm wraps, and to convey them as quickly as might be to the sheltering walls of the Cambridge Hospital, and the skilled care of the Sisters. The men carried in their faces unmistakable evidence that the fight with the deadly malaria—which claims as its victims so many of those whom duty or the love of exploring a most fascinating continent draws to Africa—is much more dreadful than the short sharp contest with the Dervishes.

IN one case death or victory is quickly decided. In the other many weeks may be, are passed on a sick bed, while the burning blood surges like liquid fire through the veins, or at another time its icy coldness makes the unhappy sufferer cower down under piles of blankets, unable to get any warmth into his shivering limbs, and, worst of all, if he ultimately recovers he is conscious that he will never be the same man again. Any chill, any over-exertion, or strong mental emotion may, for years to come, bring on an attack from the old enemy, and even if this is not so, the loss of old powers, the defective memory, the loss of self-control, the depression, and the unequal capacity for getting through work, point the moral that those who would win from this fairest of lands the secrets which she keeps in store for those who love her well, and who are determined to wrest them from her, do well to count the cost, before entering upon an occupation as perilous as it is fascinating.

Two nurses who obtained only a month ago permanent positions under the Guildford, Godalming, and Woking Joint Hospital Board, have resigned their positions, and owing to the complaints which have been made by them a Committee of Investigation has been appointed. One nurse complained that she had had to live in the scarlet fever kitchen ever since she entered the hospital, and sleep in the diphtheria room. She also made complaints of a lack of cleanliness, some parts of the hospital being in a most dirty

condition, and she further asserted that she hardly ever had a clean knife for dinner. The other resigning nurse said that she would not stay for £100 a year. The Board has, we think, adopted a wise course in appointing a Committee of Investigation.

AN interesting experience is shortly to be made by the Asylums Committee of the London County Council with regard to the housing and treatment of the epileptic insane. It is proposed to establish a working colony of epileptics who are to be transferred from the London asylums, to Horton, near Epsom. Buildings will be erected for the housing of three hundred patients, which will take the form of villas, each self contained, which will accommodate thirty-six patients with three attendants. A common dining hall, capable of seating three hundred, will be provided, but the patients will take their other meals in their own villas. It is also suggested as desirable that paying patients should be received. We think that the establishment of this colony is a step in the right direction in the treatment of epileptics, and congratulate the County Council upon their decision.

IN connection with the nursing of epileptics, a most interesting letter appeared recently in the press from Lady Meath, which points out the unsuitability and cruelty of confining harmless epileptics with lunatics, thus placing these afflicted people who require cheerful surroundings in a position which would be "most trying even to people with iron nerves." The practical philanthropy of the Earl and Countess of Meath is well known, and the "Meath Home of Comfort" for epileptics at Godalming is witness to the sincerity of their interest in the unfortunate people whose cause they espouse. We could wish there were many like-minded.

WE regret to chronicle the death of Nurse Skipp from enteric fever contracted in discharge of her duty as charge nurse at the West Ham Infirmary.

Nurse Skipp came as probationer to the Lambeth Infirmary in January, 1895, and received her certificate of training and promotion at the end of her three years course. In October of this year she was appointed charge nurse at the West Ham Infirmary where, in nursing a case of typhoid fever, she caught the infection and died after a brief illness.

Her kind and gentle disposition had won much respect from the patients, and love from her fellow-nurses, three of whom (as representatives of the Lambeth Staff) attended her funeral, bearing with them three most beautiful floral tokens to be laid on the coffin as a tribute of affectionate regard to the memory of the deceased.

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