

and we can quite sympathize with their disappointment at finding themselves superseded by members of the Army Nursing Reserve. But it must not be forgotten that, however faulty the organization of the Reserve may be, its principle to prepare in time of peace for war is good, and as the nursing authorities at the London Hospital have always opposed so bitterly the principle of professional organization for nurses, the staff which, presumably, approves this policy, must not complain if they find themselves somewhat out in the cold in these days of co-operation.

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THE benevolent public who are moved by the sight of persons apparently ill, and even dying, in the streets, will do well to direct the notice of the police to their condition; but they should beware how they give pecuniary help. Recently a charitable lady was so touched by the condition of a man whom she met in an omnibus, who stated that he had been discharged from Charing Cross Hospital that morning, that he was travelling to Maidenhead, and had a walk of four miles at the end of the journey, that she collected money for a cab for him, and then wrote to the Secretary of Charing Cross Hospital to expostulate on the cruelty of the hospital in sending him out in such a condition on a November morning. Mr. Reade, the Secretary, at once pointed out that as no man of the name and address given had been admitted to the hospital, he could not have been discharged from it. Further enquiries made by the police elicited that no such person lived at the address given at Maidenhead, and that the case was an impudent fraud. Other instances of the same nature are also reported, which prove the inadvisability of giving assistance without enquiry. We may also point out that the pulse is a much safer guide than the appearance in cases of this description.

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CANON ANSTAY, who is now working in Bedminster, has written a letter to Miss S. Errington, Hon. Secretary of the Bristol District Nurses' Society, pleading for a nurse for his poor and populous district. Unfortunately, the funds of the society mentioned are inadequate for even the present work undertaken. The cost of a nurse would be £70 per annum.

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We are informed that, as a result of the dissatisfaction felt at the manner in which charges against the Matron of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, have been dealt with by the Board of Management, the resignations of the House Surgeon, Assistant

House Surgeons, and those of six of the sisters and nurses have been sent in.

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BRIGHTON has not the character of supporting its charities with generosity, considering the wealth of many of the residents; and again this year the District Nursing Association is greatly in need of funds.

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FROM the report we learn that the financial progress of the Association has not been altogether encouraging, and no effort could for one moment be safely relaxed if the growing demands made upon the Association, as its work became more widely known, were to be met, and if the Committee's ideal of "skilled nursing within the reach of all" was to be brought ever nearer fulfilment. The annual subscription list fell considerably short of the sum required. At the annual meeting last year an earnest appeal was made to the public by the Bishop to pay off the debt of £152, towards which the sum of £25 was promised if the remainder was subscribed. Only the very small sum of £27 was received in response to this appeal, so that the year again closed with a debt of a few pounds more than last year, viz., £157. The Committee most earnestly pleaded that this debt might be converted into a surplus before the New Year began, and that there might be a large increase in the annual subscriptions. The relief of being able to count on a certain income, sufficient to carry on the work and to increase the staff when necessary, would be very great. Cordial recognition was made in the Report of the loyal and devoted manner in which the Lady Superintendent, Miss Buckle, and the staff of nurses had carried out their duties.

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CONSIDERING the women's display of fine feathers on the front, and the constant round of gaieties for the rich, this indifference to the needs of the poor speaks very badly for Brighton.

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AT the annual meeting of the Belfast Nurses' Home, Miss Newman, the Matron, came in for some well-merited praise for her long and faithful services. In the Annual Report it is stated:—"Our institution owes much to the continuity in office of our Lady Superintendent, Miss Newman, who, in spite of the ever-increasing duties demanded of her, stays faithfully on, and undertakes them. When Miss Newman came here; thirteen years ago, the staff only numbered fifty; under her superintendence, it has now increased to 105. The house taken for a branch home this time last year proved too small, and the branch home is now transferred to a much more com-

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