

informed "it was sold out"! Is this good business for the *Trained Nurse*?

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THE EARL OF LEICESTER is a most generous supporter of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, and has lately given £15,000 in two instalments. With this £15,000 Lord Leicester desires that a separate house for the nursing staff should be provided and fully furnished; that the house should be built on the adjoining "Shrubbery" grounds, with a convenient access by a covered way to the Hospital proper; and that each nurse should have a separate bedroom, with a sitting, reading, and waiting-room for the use of all. To carry this scheme into complete effect will probably require ten or eleven thousand pounds. The surplus of three or four thousand is to be added to the Leicester Endowment Fund.

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As we concluded, the poor woman, Annie Leymann, who committed suicide by fire last week, was not a trained nurse, as the sensational headline in the local press would have suggested. We have many more of these sad deaths in our ranks than are altogether creditable to our conditions of labour, as it is.

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MISS LITTLE, the Matron of the Victoria Hospital, Dundee, has been very busy putting the finishing touches to the new hospital, and the first patients were installed on Thursday. The whole hospital is built, fitted and finished in very good taste, the windows commanding a lovely view of the Fife Hills. Attached to the main building is a cancer ward, and an isolation ward has also been arranged. In all the arrangements Miss Little has done much to secure convenience—perfection of working—and the nurses' quarters are as comfortable as those of the patients.

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BRITISH nurses have, so far, had great reason to envy their colleagues in the States, owing to the unity of thought and purpose which has, so far, marked the progress of their professional affairs. But of late the nursing press gives vent to the inevitable voice of the dissident, a voice which always makes itself heard whenever in this country any attempt at organization aiming at a high standard by self-government, is demanded by the graduate Matrons and nurses.

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THIS opposition to professional control on the part of many persons, in connection with nurses, is, we fear, quite inevitable, and the wisest plan for conscientious reformers is just to know what they want and go for it. Personal abuse, the imputation of wrong motives, and self interest, are sure to be the fate of any woman, or co-operation of women, who clash with vested interests; and the

unsuccessful medical man, the semi-trained nurse, the bogus nurse, the business woman who exploits nurses at a price, and the unscrupulous nurse-sweater, both in and out of hospitals, must all have a fling at the woman who exposes their methods. So we hope the leaders of nursing reform in the States, who are not only teaching their countrywomen, but, alas! the nurses of the old world, will not permit the attacks to disturb their equanimity. Let them pin a base policy at once to its instigator. In England the fact of exposing the wire pullers, has done wonders to prevent the weak-kneed from taking a strong and unpopular public line, and has done more to free the nursing profession from abuses than years of patient silence could have done.

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THE New York State Federation of Clubs held a meeting in Rochester last month, and in the hospital and nursing section many interesting papers were read and discussed, and the following resolution adopted:—"Resolved. That, in the judgment of this body, a State Association of Nurses, representative of local associations, should be organized, and such State Association shall have authority, by statute, to appoint a State Board of Examiners for trained nurses. That license to practise as trained nurses should be issued by the University of the State, under regulation of the State Board of Reports, upon the recommendation of the said State Board of Examiners." And so it goes on—in every civilized country in the world where women are articulate, this question of legislation for nurses is being advocated and advanced.

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THE *Globe* has an interesting article on the Hospital Ships of Japan. It says:—

"It will no doubt come as a surprise to most people to hear that Japan resolved to build such vessels some time ago. The recent war with China showed the enterprising "Britons of the East" that some such provision for the wounded was absolutely necessary in order to keep the efficiency of a battle squadron unimpaired. The Japanese Red Cross Society have, consequently, had two steamers built in Britain for the purpose, which, in times of peace, will be used as passenger and merchant vessels, and they will sail under the flag of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

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THE first ship was the *Hakuai-maru*, meaning Universal Love, while the *Kosai-maru* (General Aid), which was laid down last year reached Japan a month or two ago. She is most luxuriously fitted up as a passenger boat, and is replete with every modern convenience. She has also room for a small cargo, but as she has no hatches the loading and unloading would

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