

in the wards. And yet in London there is certainly one hospital where the nurses have no hours for rest and recreation every day, but only every other day, and then only after sunset; and in many hospitals the hours and days spent off duty depend on the goodwill, and sometimes, therefore, on the good temper of the sister of the ward, not to speak of the occasions when, through a hospital being under-staffed, some of these hardly-earned off-duty times are almost obliged to be sacrificed through what is euphoniously termed 'the exigencies of the work.'

"Is it also quite fair on young women living an Institution-life to make them sleep two or more in a room, or only to give them cubicles where the snoring or coughing of the next-door nurses is often an annoyance, and where no nurse can open her window without some other nurse asking her to close it? Such sleeping accommodation is, I daresay, good enough for boys at school, leading an active out-door life four hours every day and with 15 weeks at home every year. But it is not good enough for women working so many hours in wards, and having to be up every day of the seven to breakfast at 6.30 or 7 o'clock, and with only three to four weeks annual holiday at most.

"SURELY these are matters of sufficient importance for the Visiting Committee of the Prince of Wales' Fund to inquire about. They have the power of the purse behind them, and could, in many cases, help the Committees to remedy what is wrong."

BUT before this Committee can make really efficient investigations into the nursing departments of our hospitals, they must include in their number one or more trained nurses whose professional experience has qualified them to command confidence in the exercise of so important a duty. This journal has consistently advocated this plan, and pointed out the deficiency in the formation of the Prince's Hospital Fund Committee. We hope the omission may be rectified.

It is worthy of note that the information given in the columns of a ladies' journal to a correspondent who wishes to enter a hospital as a probationer, is so beside the mark that the Hon. Sydney Holland, Chairman of the London Hospital, feels impelled to write to this publication and to put the enquirer on the right track, and, further, he volunteers that he will be "personally very willing to answer any letters on the subject."

OUR contemporary is to be congratulated in having thus gained the services of the Chairman

of so large a training school to deal with its correspondence on this matter. It has been, for some time, a matter of wonderment to us that "ladies' journals" do not secure the services of some one who knows something of the subject, to answer the questions sent to them. The replies to correspondents upon anything connected with nursing are, as a rule, so hopelessly vague, if not absolutely incorrect, that the marvel is that any clientele on nursing matters is secured.

WHY not engage the services of a trained nurse to answer all questions relating to nursing, and why do not the public consult some nursing publication, such as the *Nursing Directory*, issued under the authority of the Matrons' Council, when they want to obtain expert information? This is always a puzzle. They do not write to the lay press when they require information as to the way to set about obtaining the best medical education for their sons. Why, then, should they be so hap-hazard about their daughters?

OLD Bart.'s nurses will learn with interest that Miss Georgiana Turner, who has for several years filled the position of Sister of Lawrence Ward at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, is shortly to be married to Mr. Lynn, a government official in Madras. The wedding will take place, and the bride and bridegroom will leave for India, shortly. Sister Lawrence will have the hearty good wishes of very many of those who have benefitted by the excellent training they have received under her tuition.

THE many foreign nurses who are now in London will like to know how to employ their time to the best advantage in seeing those things which are specially of interest to them. Our advice is not to attempt to cram too much into the Congress week, but to visit our chief hospitals the following week. They should make a point of seeing St. Thomas' Hospital, with the Nightingale Home, the latter built with the money given to Miss Florence Nightingale by a grateful nation, on her return from the Crimea, and devoted by her to furthering the special education of nurses. Those who are interested in seeing the house where Miss Nightingale lives may walk down South Street, Park Lane, where, at No. 10, she lives a quiet and secluded life.

THEY should also notice that the Royal College of Surgeons—a most interesting place—is open to ladies on Fridays until four o'clock. The College, which is in Lincoln's Inn Fields, and may be approached either from Holborn, or the Strand, is well worth a visit. Here may be seen the unique collection made by John Hunter, to

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