

Skinner, of the Harpurhey District Nurses' Home, is appealing for such a luxury for the poor. She says:—"We have had one for six years which is now quite done, and the nurses are being constantly asked when we shall have another to lend. Probably more than one may be forthcoming when the want is known, and they will be the greatest help in enabling many a sufferer to regain health and strength."

MISS ELIZABETH NEWMAN, of Comyn Villas, 8, Lansdowne Road, Tunbridge Wells, asks us to make known that she is trying to make £5 to keep a little Indian orphan girl, whose parents have both died from plague, and that, for this purpose, she has for sale a drab-coloured cycling costume (worn twice), price 15s. 6d., length of skirt 37 in., bust measure 36 in., waist 25½ in.; also 3 pairs of flannelette combinations at 4s. 6d. per pair, made by a native Christian in India.

OWING to the action of some members of the Council of the Bedworth Nursing Association in calling upon their nurse to resign her post without giving her or the minority of the Council any reason for the step, a public meeting of subscribers to protest has been held. The Chairman (Councillor William Johnson) condemned the action as unjust and un-Christianlike. The nurse had done her duty faithfully. He would not be a party to such a contemplated injustice, and if no one else would find the money necessary to keep the nurse on till she wished to go he himself would be responsible. Several others spoke of the efficiency of the nurse, and all were unanimous in condemning the action of the section of the Committee responsible for the proposed dismissal. It was decided to form a new association, the officers of which were elected.

We hope the nurse will have the courage to demand a reason for this summary dismissal by the Committee, otherwise it will reflect upon her character in the future.

MARIE THOMPSON, says the *Cambridge Gazette*, attired as a nurse, and claiming to be a friend of Lord Roberts, has been remanded at Oxford on a charge of obtaining subscriptions for soldiers' and sailors' funds under false pretences.

MISS MARY BEATRICE MANNING, who refused to give her address, but who appears to be wanted all over the country on charges of fraud, was charged, at the South Western Police-court, on this count. According to the evidence of Miss

Mary Walker, a professional nurse residing at Brynmaer Road, Battersea, the accused called at her house to engage herself as nurse to her mother, and described herself as the wife of a barrister living at Rosedean, Lavender Gardens, Clapham Common.

SHE asked permission to wait until her children's governess brought her some money to enable her to return to London, and Miss Walker, believing her story, offered to lend her £10—surely a large amount to need to cover the journey from Battersea to London. Fourpence would be an outside sum!

THE police said the prisoner was on ticket-of-leave, and was wanted all over England for similar frauds. Amongst other things, she had passed herself off as the daughter of the Bishop of Hull.

Does it strike the public that they need some protection against ticket-of-leave women entering their houses in the guise of trained nurses? If so, let it demand the Registration of Nurses by Act of Parliament.

WE much regret to learn that the Joint Committee of Guardians and the Executive Committee of the Workhouse Infirmary Nursing Association has dissolved. This Joint Committee had in it the germ of a most useful and educative combination, and it is a pity it is no more.

THE following resolutions have been passed by the Executive Committee of the Workhouse Infirmary Nursing Association:—

1. That the Workhouse Infirmary Nursing Association are of opinion that the solution of the present difficulty as to the position of trained nurses for workhouse infirmaries is a matter which must be left to the Guardians to solve, and that in consequence they consider it desirable that the informal connection between the Joint Committee and themselves should cease.

2. With a view, however, to aid Guardians, they would be willing to form a register of such competent, trained nurses as might be available for Poor Law work.

WE learn, in discussing Poor Law affairs with various Infirmary Matrons, that they are strongly averse to any policy which would divide nurses trained under the Poor Law, from their general hospital trained colleagues. This and many other points will, we hope, be brought up by Miss Julian, of Croydon Infirmary, in the Paper she has kindly consented to read before the Matrons' Council on "A Poor Law Nursing Service."

WHEN will Boards of Guardians realize their responsibility to provide an adequate nursing staff

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