

NURSE COLLEY, of the Samaritan Free Hospital, Marylebone Road, collided with a cab while cycling near Waltham Green on Saturday last, and was seriously bruised. She suffered greatly from shock, but it is satisfactory to learn that there is every hope of her speedy recovery.

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NURSE BLACK, who was on night duty at the Lisburn (Ireland) Workhouse, was also seriously injured in a bicycle accident at Anahilt. She ran into the shaft of a cart, and the carman, strangely deficient surely in the usual chivalry of Irishmen for women, laid her in a ditch, so the story goes, and proceeded on his way. An hour afterwards the nurse was found in an insensible condition.

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A CORRESPONDENT writes to us to say that she thinks private nurses might often obtain permission to have their bicycles with them at private cases if they used a little tact and discretion. Her own rule is never to take her cycle with her, but to send for it afterwards, if the patient does not object. Her health is greatly benefitted by her rides, and more than once she has found in the country that her possession of a bicycle has been a real convenience to her patient who required things quickly from a neighbouring town and had no means of sending for them. The views of our correspondent, who is a private nurse of much experience, coincide with our own. We think that nurses would often find that no objection was raised to their bicycles if they exercised courtesy and tact in relation to them.

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At the last meeting of the Lambeth Guardians it was reported that the nurses were continually leaving, as they obtained private nursing work at better salaries. The Infirmary was earning a good reputation as to training, and the applications for private nurses were continuous. A suggestion, which was referred to the Infirmary Committee, was made that nurses should be required to serve for a year after their three years' term of training was completed, at a salary of £35. The suggestion is worthy of consideration, and if carried out, would, no doubt, be of great benefit to the Infirmary. It is one which is at present in force at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where all the nurses are required to serve for a fourth year.

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MISS BARBARA CHAPMAN, who was recently Matron of the Charing Cross Convalescent Home, at Limpsfield, and who is a member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, is opening a Nursing Home at Westgate-on-Sea, and is willing to receive patients, either permanent

or temporary, as well as boarders, invalid or otherwise. The house, which faces South, is only two minutes walk from the sea, and the rooms are large and airy. The terms also are moderate, so that the Home should become a popular one. Information as to terms can be obtained on application to Miss Chapman, Granville Lodge, Westgate-on-Sea.

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AN inspector of the Local Government Board was recently sent from London to attend a meeting of the Lincoln Board of Guardians to urge upon the Guardians the necessity of providing an increased nursing staff. He represented that the average number of patients was about 85 and about half of these were bed-ridden. To attend these there was a Superintendent Nurse, a day nurse on the female side, and another on the male side, and one night nurse. That meant that in the daytime each nurse had to look after 40 breakfasts and attend to the wants of 40 invalids, while at night there was only one nurse for 80 patients. It was decided to ask the House Committee to report on the matter.

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THE Earl of Mount Edgcumbe recently entertained the Cornwall county nurses at luncheon, and subsequently gave a garden party to which members of the County Committee, as well as members of local district nursing associations, were invited. Miss Michie, the County Superintendent, three Queen's nurses and fourteen village nurses were amongst the guests at luncheon. In proposing the toast of the Queen, who established the Jubilee Institute for Nurses in 1887, Lord Mount Edgcumbe said that at the time of her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee the 'people of Cornwall thought they could not do better than follow the lead then given. They therefore formed a County Nursing Association, and they now had nine Queen's nurses, 16 village nurses, and 7 under training. They had had trouble with a few of the village nurses, but most of them had given Miss Michie satisfaction. The village nurses had a year's training. In return for this they were expected to serve the Association for three years. Ultimately, perhaps, some of these nurses might be qualified to receive further training and become Queen's nurses.

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THE intentions of the Cornwall County Nursing Association are, no doubt, excellent, but it is greatly to be regretted that they sanction the employment of "nurses" after only a year's district training. The poor have a right to expect that those who cater for them shall supply them with fully-qualified nurses, and the Queen

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