

difficult to get people in that place at a minute's notice to do the work. He had no complaint to make with reference to Nurse Byrne or the way in which she had discharged her duties.—By Dr. Fuller: In his opinion the receiving ward was a suitable place for its purpose. Miss Rogers had complained to him of the ward attendants being withdrawn from the sick wards when they were badly needed there. She had also complained of the want of sufficient linen, and he had spoken to the Matron about it. All his requests had always been complied with. It was preferable, of course, to have separate sheets for the maternity ward, but Nurse Rogers had never made a request to him for a fresh supply of linen for this ward.—By Mr. Davy: Has it been brought to your notice that there has been considerable friction lately in the Infirmary?—Witness: Oh, yes; it can't go on as it is.—Have you made any representation to the Guardians about it?—I wrote to the Guardians some time ago, and suggested that they might frame some rules as to the hours when the nurses must be in, and the Guardians did so.—But you never made any representation to the Guardians as to the unsatisfactory state of things in the Infirmary?—Well, they knew it.—You are of opinion that it is imperative and necessary that something should be done?—Yes.—By Dr. Fuller: With regard to the general administration of the Infirmary, he had never heard any complaints from the patients about the Superintendent Nurse being away from the wards for any undue length of time.—By Mr. Prince: The Superintendent Nurse would have a better opportunity of judging as to how the other nurses performed their duties than he had. On the whole, there had been a decided improvement in the state of things at the Infirmary since Miss Rogers had been in charge. He thought the Superintendent Nurse might have done more of the physical work herself, but, with this exception, she had performed her duties in a satisfactory manner.

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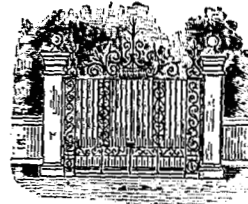
### Nurses' Club, St. Andrew's House, Mortimer Street, W.

The Proprietor and Committee of the St. Andrew's House Club have decided that Matrons and Nurses following their profession, and residing more than 50 miles out of London, will be eligible for membership at the reduced annual subscription of 5s.

The Entrance Fee will be 21s., and no reduction of the 5s. subscription can be made in favour of members joining the club after January in any year.

## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



A Throne Seat similar to that occupied by the King was placed under the awning for Queen Alexandra when Parliament was opened in State on Thursday. We are evidently to have a much more impressive Court under the new régime

—no doubt with the intention of helping trade—but the simplicity of the life and surroundings of the good Queen who is gone was a fine example to the people—all too prone in these meretricious days—to ape a vulgarity of environment which many can ill afford.

It is reported that a very high official ventured to remind his Majesty that there was no precedent for the Queen-Consort accompanying the Sovereign in equal state to the opening of Parliament. The instant reply was that the King intended to create a precedent. And a very good one too.

The thrones of the King and Queen are from a design of Pugin. The seat of the throne is covered with Tudor roses in cream silks, and foliage and trails wrought in gold floss edged with narrow cord mixed with gold.

Fancy making £2,000 a year out of beads! We have been led to associate these trifles with Egyptian mummies and Chippewa Indians, but a young society woman with a delightful sense of the combination of colour, strung some lovely old Venetian beads together as a necklace, a fashionable dressmaker saw it, ordered some to tempt her clients, and they sold like wild-fire. Moreover, this lady's brother was about the Court. He brought his sister's handiwork to the notice of Princess Henry of Battenberg, and the late Queen sent her some antique beads to re-arrange. Orders poured in, the girl worked her eight hours a day systematically, and cleared £2,000 in one year—the result of taste and honest work.

Mrs. Ernest Hart has for years been a collector of beads and owns a fine collection of antiques gathered from Egyptian tombs—fine old Greek and Roman specimens, and lovely corals brought from Himalayan peasants. She has had some of these gems—for their colouring is still exquisite, worked up as necklaces—and charmingly decorative they are. No doubt when the term of mourning is over, "mummy necklets" will be all the rage.

The will of Madam Edgar Quinet, the widow of the famous writer, has just been proved in Paris. It contains a clause which will be noted with interest in England. Madame Quinet has left a sum of money of which the interest is to constitute a prize to be granted annually to the most deserving of the pupils at the Edgar Quinet school for girls. The winner of the prize is to utilize the money to make a journey to Oxford for the purpose of completing her studies at Newnham College.

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