

factory results, as well as for the good repute in which their nurses are held for skill, for careful attention to their duties, and for other qualities which their patients appreciate, the committee in their annual report, recognise gratefully how much is due to the watchfulness, influence, and wise administration of their Lady Superintendent, Miss Shirley.

Where is Nurse Rann? Recently a fire, which broke out at 87, Gipsy Hill, West Norwood, originated in the rooms of Nurse Rann, who had left the house on the previous evening, it is believed to fulfil a professional engagement. No one knew her address, so it was impossible to communicate with her. Is she still in ignorance of the destruction of her Lares and Penates?

We have before now drawn attention to the evils which may arise if the practice by nurses of accepting presents from patients is not carefully guarded. Whatever may be said as to the propriety of nurses receiving gifts from wealthy private patients, in many instances a harmless custom enough, there can be no doubt that, in hospitals, and from the class of patients received in them, such gifts should not be allowed. Recently a guard on the Midland Railway, who has been in the service of the Company for twenty-eight years, was sentenced to five years penal servitude at Lancaster Quarter Sessions for a systematic pilfering of passengers' luggage. There were four indictments for stealing jewellery, a gold and diamond bangle, and diamond rings, valued at £80, and other charges involved a sum of £300. It transpired in the course of the evidence given that the prisoner had given some of the stolen jewellery to a Lancaster nurse, in whose care he was during an attack of typhoid fever in hospital. We consider the nurse much to blame for accepting gifts of valuable jewellery from a man whose only source of income was the wages of a railway guard.

How well the Royal British Nurses' Association keeps in touch with its members! We hear from a member of ten years standing in this Association, that she recently wrote to the offices for one of its publications, and received a reply from the secretary, stating that if she was thinking of joining the Association she would be welcomed if she visited the offices. A reference to the roll of members before inditing this epistle would certainly have been wise but presumably, the officials of this society have no time for attending to details of this trivial nature. Or was this letter intended as a lesson in the gentle art of "unimportance?"

There was a large attendance of members at

the Dublin Nurses' Club recently, when Dr. Parsons, visiting physician to the National Hospital for Consumptives, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow, delivered a lecture, illustrated by limelight views on "Consumption." The lecturer first showed some illustrations of the bacteria of tuberculosis, and made some introductory remarks as to the nature of the disease. He then related that he had been deputed by the governor of the hospital to go to Germany to see the latest methods in connection with the open-air treatment of consumption. He described the leading establishments in that country, especially the sanatorium at Holvenhannhoff, near Konigswinter, on the Rhine, where the climate is colder than in Great Britain and Ireland; and yet in both summer and winter the windows were open day and night. There were abundant facilities for enabling the patients to take open-air exercise, and they were encouraged to do so. Especial attention was also paid to the dietary. The excellent limelight illustrations added not a little to the interest of the lecture, amongst which were views of Cologne and its cathedral, the "Seven Mountains," Konigswinter, Rolandseck, and other notable places. Dr. Parsons' kindness in devoting time and trouble to make the lecture so successful was much appreciated by the members of the club.

A correspondent interested in Nursing reform in France sends us the following paragraphs:—

"Hôpital Trousseau, Paris.—A small boy of two years old, who had been two months in the hospital for measles and broncho-pneumonia, was convalescent and almost well on March 31st, when his father saw him last. On April 2nd a telegram was sent to him to say the child was dead, and when he arrived there he found out that an infirmière had scalded the little boy by placing him in a big basin of boiling water. The medical verdict was death by congestion due to burns of 1st degree. The post-mortem lead to the same conclusion."

"Two persons have died at Lariboisière Hospital as the result of the mistake of a nurse, who gave chloride of zinc to seven patients. The other five are out of danger."

Unfortunately the coffers of St. Michael's Sisterhood at Bloemfontein have been greatly emptied during the war in South Africa, and their good educational and nursing work retarded. A relief fund has been opened by the military governor of the Orange River Colony to help them.

A lamentable accident to the Kokstad post cart, resulting in the death of two ladies attached to the Convent of the Holy Cross, Umtata, is reported from Bulawayo. Early settlers in

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