

envelopes the House of Rabere that esprit de corps ardently inspires its nursing staff in spite of the disadvantages in connection with the scattered buildings now used as the Nurses' Home. Why does not a princely millionaire come to the rescue and present Barts with the whole Christ's Hospital site—£1,000,000 only is needed. Imagine what glorious good could be effected by such a gift. It makes one long to be a millionaire in spite of the dolorous complaint of the genus.

The late Lady Superintendent of the Swansea Hospital has soon reaped a reward for duty well done. The father of an officer who was invalided home from South Africa, and whom she nursed, has left her a comfortable annuity. Grateful fathers of this type are few and far between.

A correspondent, in the *Financial Times*, proposes to form a company "whereby the great overplus of the weaker, yet ever needful, sex of these islands could be assisted to our colonies, where there are such demands for them." He opines "that it is the straitened circumstances of highly respectable and industrious females in the nursing world which is the real cause of their not seeking new fields of labour." The writer cites the fact that uncertificated nurses are receiving £4 a week in West Australia, and that nurses are far higher paid in the colonies than at home.

We have heard so many complaints from English nurses, used as they are to order and comfort at home, of the rough and ready life in many colonies, that unless those who wish to emigrate thoroughly realize that they must adapt themselves to a different order of things, they had much better stay at home. Hospital life in England is generally so well ordered that the average nurse has some difficulty in habituating herself to the free life in more specious lands. The nurse who emigrates must have something in her of a pioneer, must be able to adapt herself to circumstances, and not expect the world to be composed of sugar and spice.

Miss Mary A. Kent, Head Nurse at the Marylebone Infirmary, has been awarded a gratuity of £20 by the Guardians, on account of services rendered in nursing the sick staff of the infirmary for twenty years. As for eighteen years Miss Kent has had no increase of salary, we consider she well deserves this little mark of appreciation upon the part of the managers of the institution, in which she has laboured so long and so devotedly.

A public subscription has been opened at Stafford for erecting a memorial in the cemetery

to the persons who lost their lives in the recent fire at the workhouse, and also to present testimonials to the officers on duty at the fire. It is stated that the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire has awarded Nurse Langabeer £5 5s. and an illuminated testimonial in recognition of the bravery she displayed.

The Dudley Board of Guardians have received a letter from their Matron, Miss Peers, dated from Johannesburg, resigning her office as Matron of the Workhouse Infirmary because the authorities will not allow her to leave South Africa until the end of the war, and conveying her intention of seeking another situation in Africa. The Chairman said Nurse Peers evidently considered that the end of the war was so far off that she could not expect the Guardians to keep her situation open. The resignation was accepted.

One cannot fail to be struck just now (says the *Daily Chronicle*, wherever nurses and their charges congregate, by the vogue which sandals have attained. Scores of children may be seen running about the parks with feet bare except for a leather sole and anklet. Possibly Miss Dorothy Drew and Trilby may divide the credit for this fashion between them, but there can be no doubt as to its wholesomeness, and it seems to be spreading among the middle classes.

It is painful to have to record that Miss Emma Clarke, Matron of Wood's Hospital, Glossop, was last week sent to prison for a month on a charge of fraudulent embezzlement. Miss Clarke, has held the position of Matron of Wood's Hospital since 1897, and during her term of office has given the Committee every satisfaction. Her conduct was all that could be desired, and she was very popular both with the patients and with all the medical staff. It was, however, one of her duties to receive monies from paying patients and hand them over to the assistant borough treasurer, and recently defalcations amounting to over £42 were disclosed.

Miss Clarke, who pleaded guilty to the charge, said that she had not kept the books properly because she was overworked, and she had allowed things to slide. On the other hand, she had received no Matron's expenses for some length of time, and had been equally careless regarding her own money.

We fear there is some truth in the assertion of the Chairman of the Bench at Glossop, who said that "women are many times careless in keeping accounts." The moral of the present case is a stern, but may be a necessary one

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