

grateful donkey, and it serves you right that your stomach is empty." So he wiped his eyes with some bits of hay and told his conscience that he would apologise to Tyler in the morning, if it would only be quiet then and let him go to sleep, and forget that he was hungry. So it did. And in the morning he waited for Tyler at the gate, and said "good morning" quite nicely; and Tyler was so surprised that he answered him before he had time to think. Then somehow they both felt dreadfully ashamed of themselves; and that helped them to forgive each other. And that morning the donkey didn't bellow, or do anything aggravating as usual. So Tyler gave him a good breakfast, and they made it up, and the donkey promised that he would be good ever after, and Tyler didn't swear all that day."

"Why, nurse," said the probationer, putting her head inside the door, "have you forgotten the time? Didn't you hear the bell, five minutes ago? Sister has sent me—" But the rest of the sentence was lost in the stampede.

I, like the other donkey, had to apologise, and be very much ashamed of myself, and keep my ears well down as it were; for it was not the time only that I had forgotten. I had forgotten to sew while I listened, and there was my task, not half done.

Papers wanted for the Front.

Writing from Bloemfontein the Rev. R. Dean Oliver, senior Church of England chaplain, thanks the public for a generous response to his appeal for literature for the troops in hospital a few months ago, and he adds: "But I find it necessary to ask again. The supplies have fallen off sadly, and are now very small. I try to provide every camp and block-house between the Orange River and Wolyhoek, and the lines of communication to Thabanchu and Winburg, as well as these garrisons and others. The supply is utterly insufficient to meet the demand. It would require every week at least four hundred magazines, an equal number of the cheaper periodicals, and, of course, daily papers. Friends at home scarcely realise how much a convalescent needs. He would easily get through more than one magazine a day. In hospital everything is read to pieces. And the monotony of outpost and block-house life is indescribable."

So many magazines and papers are glanced at and thrown aside at home that there should be no difficulty in keeping our brave troops supplied, but method is needed if the supply is not to be spasmodic.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The King has been pleased to grant his patronage to the Dental Hospital of London, which has recently been rebuilt in Leicester Square.

The King has been pleased to appoint Sir Francis R. Cruise, M.D., University of Dublin, Fellow and ex-President Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, to be one of the Honorary Physicians to his Majesty in Ireland, in the room of William Moore, M.D., deceased.

The next Congress and Exhibition of the Sanitary Institute will be held in the City of Manchester in the second week of September, 1902, under the Presidency of the Right Honourable the Earl Egerton of Tatton.

The military authorities have recognised the necessity of having dental help for soldiers on active service. The British Dental Association has been asked to select four dental surgeons to go to the front.

Members of the medical profession and others will be glad to hear that the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons has now recognised the Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital as a medical school. This much-sought-after distinction means that medical students will now be able to complete their curriculum at the hospital, instead of, as formerly, having to go to the London hospitals.

The new Newport and Monmouthshire Hospital, which has been built on a plot of land of about four acres and a half (given by Lord Tredegar), was publicly opened by his lordship last week. There was a very large gathering of all classes.

It has been decided to erect an additional wing, giving accommodation for twelve patients, at the Oldham Infirmary. Within a week the workpeople of the various mills and workshops in the town had forwarded to Mr. Barlow, the Hon. Secretary, a cheque for £1,000. The total amount of subscriptions is now £13,134, and it is thought that the cost of the scheme will be £18,000.

Professor Gautier, a distinguished member of the Institut de France, has advanced a startling theory on the subject of perpetual youth. In isolating the bacteria of physical fatigue, he has found that it is a poison strongly resembling ptomaine poison in nature. From this the Professor deduces that fatigue can, by the use of antiseptics, be avoided like any other poison, and consequently man, no longer suffering from wear and tear, need not weaken or age.

The Chinese are said to pay their doctors during health, ceasing to do so during periods of illness, thus it is to the direct pecuniary advantage of physicians to keep their patients in good health.

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