

undesirability of accepting work involving the massage of male patients except at the direct request of a medical practitioner.

An article from the pen of the late Father Dolling is published by *Goodwill* and contains words of wisdom which, while primarily referring to mankind at large, may also be applied to our own profession. In it he says:—"The old religions had little place in them for the love of God, and our religion has, I fear, little place in it for the justice of God, and so, unfortunately, as our aspect of God rules our conduct towards men, our duty towards our neighbour has become rather a matter of what is called charity than a matter of justice. I think this really lies at the root of all our present economic difficulties. Charity may indeed exceed justice, but there can be no real charity until justice is satisfied. I think as a rule people are kind and good-natured. Religious people certainly are, and if one has plenty of spare money it is a great pleasure to give it away, especially if the giving does not entail any act of self-denial. It is very hard to determine to whom the most harm is done: the person who gives or the person who gets.

"The person who gives is deemed a benefactor, and applauded as such by the public. This applause is not confined to those who give big cheques (and it would be an interesting study to discover what proportion of money in England is given for purposes of advertisement), but down even amongst the poorest the lord and lady bountiful exist. Then the man who gets never reaches the full stature of his manhood; every gift given in charity has a terrible power of demoralising the receiver."

"Charity," says Father Dolling, "only makes many people meaner and baser, and they will chuckle as they deceive you. They know as well as you do that this charity is in a large measure a kind of insurance against evil in this world, against evil in the world to come, but go to them, having faith in them as a man has in a man, and time will show you. If this be true of the utterly depraved, how much more true will it be of those who in the darkness are striving after light. Go to them in a spirit of justice and of love and you will be to them as Christ was to humanity, the revelation of a God they desired to see." Does not this express the need of the nursing profession at the present time? Philanthropy and patronage—we have had them *ad nauseam*, and they have in no wise dispelled, they have rather intensified, our economic difficulties. Justice, as between man and man, would do more to solve our difficulties than all the philanthropy the world can offer.

A bed has been endowed in the New Somerset Hospital, Capetown, in memory of two nurses who

died of plague which they contracted while nursing the disease. The plate above this "Kayser Bed" bears the following inscription:—"In memory of Nurses Ellen and Minnie Kayser, who died of the plague whilst nursing at Uitvlugt, April, 1901. This bed is endowed by public subscription as a memorial of two heroic women."

It would have been little short of miraculous had Mr. Roosevelt escaped from the accident at Pittsfield without any injury, and events have unfortunately proved that there was an injury to the knee, which developed an abscess necessitating an operation, and this was shortly followed by a second one, in which an incision was made into a small cavity and it was found that the bone was slightly affected.

The first operation was performed in the hospital at Logansport, and while the surgeons were preparing for the operation the President said, referring to the sterile gloves they wore, "Gentlemen, you are formal; I see you have your gloves on." "Mr. President," replied one of the surgeons, "it is always in order to wear gloves at the President's reception." British nurses, many of whom have a great admiration for Mr. Roosevelt, will unite in wishing him a speedy and complete recovery.

The Howard de Walden Home.

Miss Esther H. Young has been appointed Matron of the Howard de Walden Nurses' Home and Club (in connection with the Nurses' Co-operation), 35, Langham Street, W. She was trained at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, where she was afterwards Assistant Matron for over four years, and subsequently held the position of Assistant Matron for three years, and Matron for one year at Guy's Hospital. Miss Young has also had experience of private nursing and has had charge of a private nurses' institution. Miss Young is the daughter of the late Mr. George Adam Young, architect of London, and a sister of Mr. Keith Downes Young, the well-known hospital architect.

The King's Sailor Nurse.

During the King's recent convalescence the duty of bearing His Majesty's invalid couch was entrusted to a party of sailors in charge of a petty officer. This officer has now left the Navy on pension and taken up a position in the household of the Prince of Wales. In common with all his comrades he has been presented with a silver watch, engraved with the crown and Royal monogram, from the King, and he has also received the Coronation medal.

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