

then donned my dear old father's collecting barrel. I was such an idle dog last year, as I was not allowed to land in England when my mistress came over; there were such strange quarantine regulations in force then. I was so glad when they were removed and I was able to be with my mistress again. She has opened a Nursing Home at Lincoln House, Harrow, where my mother and I have a very nice time. My father told me before he died that I must not grow up to be an idle dog, and that his wish was that I should follow his profession and work for suffering humanity, so, although I do not live *in* a hospital as he did, I go out every day, Alpine barrel on neck, and bark hard for the Harrow Cottage Hospital, which is much in need of funds. Cheques, postal orders, &c., get into my barrel, and I have learnt to send receipts in my *own handwriting*, so you see I am an accomplished dog! I am sending you a photograph. Queen Alexandra very graciously accepted one a little while ago, and I thought you might like to see the doggie that had won the prize.

Yours faithfully,
LEO.

The receipt for the cheque which was sent to Leo was unmistakably signed by a doggie paw.

A New Nurses' Home.

Princess Louise on Monday last opened a home for district nurses at Notting Hill, erected by the Jubilee Commemoration Committee, who handed it over to the Kensington District Nursing Association, of which the Princess is President. Her Royal Highness, in accepting the responsibility of the Home, said: "I am very glad to be able to take over this new building. I know the good that the nurses will do. I know that they will walk in the footsteps of those who have worked in the past, and will help this poor district, which is in such need of their kind and elevating influence." Subsequently the Princess, accompanied by the Duke of Argyll, inspected the Home.

Changes in the Nursing World.

Recently Miss Gordon, Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital, resigned this position, and now the resignations of Miss H. Gordon, Matron of Charing Cross Hospital, and of Miss Mary Gordon, Matron of the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, are announced. Thus this trio of sisters, all of whom have held important posts in the nursing world, are retiring almost simultaneously from active work. Miss Mary Gordon, who for nineteen years has been Matron of the Royal Southern Hospital, has been presented by the General Committee and Medical Board of the hospital, with a purse containing 100 guineas. She is succeeded by Miss Sproule, who for over twenty years, as Nurse and Sister, has been connected with the institution.

The Calcutta Hospital Nurses' Institution.

A short time ago we announced that the Government of Bengal is taking steps to place the Hospital Nurses' Institution in Calcutta on a broad and stable foundation. The Chairman (the Hon. M. C. Turner), on behalf of the new Committee of the Institution, has now published a short statement of the objects and work of the Institution in order to acquaint the public of Calcutta with its claims on public support. The Hospital Nurses' Institution was founded in 1859, mainly owing to the influence of Lady Canning, wife of the first Viceroy of India, who was much distressed at the neglected condition of the patients in the hospitals. At that time there was no organised system of nursing, and both European and native patients were dependent upon the services of coolie attendants.

In 1874, after the death of Lady Canning, a Memorial Fund was raised, and the Lady Canning Home was built in the compound of the Presidency General Hospital, and by an order of the High Court of Judicature a Board of Trustees was constituted which was charged with the duty of administering an Endowment Fund formed with the balance of the money not expended on the building.

The history of the Home as related by the Committee is that it was opened for the training of nurses in 1874, and was managed up to 1881 by highly-trained nurses, when, with the approval of the Government of Bengal, the superintendence of the nursing in the Calcutta hospitals and also the training of nurses in connection with the Lady Canning Home was placed in the hands of the Clewer Sisterhood, of whom six are at present at work—four at the Presidency General Hospital, and two at the Medical College and Eden Hospitals. The allowances of these Sisters are provided by the Lady Canning Memorial Fund, aided by a subsidy from the Government.

Since its foundation, the Calcutta Hospital Nurses' Institution has been under the management of a Committee of Ladies, which has undertaken the supply of nurses and their support. These ladies have succeeded in raising from the public an annual sum of 15,000 rupees, which has been substantially augmented by the Government of Bengal, which, in 1884, consented to treble every rupee subscribed by the public up to a maximum of 37,500 rupees. The Institution is now responsible for the payment of nearly 100 nurses in the different hospitals, and this number is quite inadequate to their increased needs. A new Committee has now been formed to deal with the whole question, and the Ladies' Committee will continue to be responsible for the internal management and nursing arrangements. We are glad to note that a proportion of the seats on the Committee have been assigned to ladies.

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