

### A Popular Sister.

Before her resignation of the position of Night Superintendent at the Union Infirmary, Kingston Hill, the nurses took the opportunity of presenting Sister Van Raalte, who is leaving the Infirmary to take up private nursing as a member of the Registered Nurses' Society, with a long gold chain and pendant, suitably inscribed. The presentation was made by Dr. Donald, who expressed the regret felt by the whole of the staff at losing Sister Van Raalte. He also stated that the patients had told him how sorry they were to hear that the Night Superintendent was leaving, and how grateful they felt for her kindness to them. In her reply Sister Van Raalte expressed many thanks for the lovely gift, kind expressions of opinion, and good wishes for future happiness.

### Pleasant Preparations, etc.

#### THE HOMBURG PINE EXTRACT.

The pine baths at Homburg have obtained a wide reputation and popularity in certain diseases, but it is not everyone who can afford to visit this popular resort or to take the prescribed course. This section of the community may be glad to know that an extract of pine (*Pinus pumilio*) can now be obtained which is scientifically prepared from the boughs and cones of the pine and fir of the Taunus Forest. This concentrated extract, containing ethereal oil, formic acid, tannin, and pitch, may be added to an ordinary bath. It may also be used as a compress, or rubbed into the skin. The London depôt of this useful preparation is the Health Resorts Bureau, 27, Shoe Lane, London, E.C.

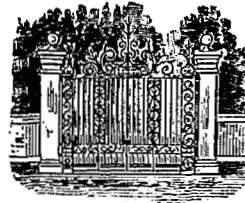
#### A USEFUL NOTE BOOK.

A useful Note Book for the coming year is that published by Messrs. Scott and Bowne, Ltd., of 10, Stonecutter Street, Ludgate Circus, called "Scott's Emulsion Doctor's Diary and Emergency Note Book." It is intended primarily for the medical profession, but it is very convenient for nurses, as it contains information of use to them. There are spaces for the entry of addresses likely to be needed hastily, such as Health Officer, Ambulance, Oxygen, Messenger Service, &c. Under the heading Emergency Information a variety of information is given, such as "Hairpins in Emergencies," "Wills," "Certificates and Coroners," "Consumption Sanatoria," "The Lunacy Acts," &c. At the end of the diary are pages for private memoranda.

The rapid delivery of letters and parcels, in cases where an operation is pending, is often of importance. The information that any person can arrange with a local postmaster to secure delivery of correspondence, immediately on its arrival, by special messenger, in advance of the ordinary mail, is therefore of interest. The fee is about 3d. per mile, or part thereof.

### Outside the Gates.

#### WOMEN.



The Matron of the institution at Brighton, in whose care little Connie Penruddocke has been since August last, has a high opinion of her unfortunate charge.

She remarked to a representative of the *Brighton Herald* that a more docile child she had never had. "I should describe her," the Matron added, "as being a 'sweet' child—a more than ordinarily sweet child. She has such beautiful eyes, and she is so really winsome."

Connie remarked to the Matron, "I don't want to go back to mummy; I want to stay with you." Poor little dear!

Jane Smith, known as "Scotch Maggie," was charged at the Greenwich Police-court with disorderly conduct in High Street, Lewisham, and was committed for a month's hard labour. Prisoner: "There is not much Penruddocke about that."

*La Presse*, a popular French newspaper, has taken a plebiscite on the question, "What are the six most essential virtues in a woman?" The readers of *La Presse* voted for the following virtues in the order given. The numbers are the votes accorded to each quality:—

Economy .....	1,420	Kindliness .....	1,182
Fidelity.....	1,357	Maternal love .....	539
Modesty .....	1,357		

Cleanliness and Patience are last on the list. As for Truth and Courage—they were not in it.

In consequence of the failures in the harvest in Corea the sale of women and children, which has always been practised to some extent, has enormously increased. Victims are openly bartered in the market place to the cry of, "Buy girls, pretty girls, cheap girls." It is said that children fetch 10s., girls of thirteen about £6, and rich merchants do a large business buying the children of the poor, and selling them subsequently at a large profit. We need another Samuel Wilberforce.

Miss E. P. Hughes, of the Universities of Cambridge and Wales, has been sent to Japan by the Education Department and entrusted with the task of writing a report upon Japanese Education. Miss Hughes is of opinion that the position of Japan in the future, both among the Western nations and as a regenerating force in the East, depends more than anything else upon the problem of the education of her women. At present it is only an exceptional woman who is likely to develop intellectually after leaving school. "Many wise men in Japan," says Miss Hughes, "agree with me that the greatest problem which Japan has to consider at the present time—greater than are her economic problems—is the problem of her women's education." No one who realises what a potent force the educated woman may be will doubt it.

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