

here, there, and everywhere. It is, therefore, very curious to find from some inquiries which I have been making, that there are, in various parts of England, Homes—managed generally by retired Nurses—kept expressly for the reception of Nurses, and that these, without any exception, so far as I have learnt, are more or less constantly full. I heard only to-day of a newly-opened Home at Herne Bay, where Hospital Matrons, Sisters, and Nurses have already been staying in considerable numbers. In fact, in several parts of the country my information is clear that the demand for such accommodation far exceeds the supply. It proves once more the wisdom of the B.N.A. in assigning so prominent a place amongst its benevolent schemes to the institution of Holiday Houses. For my readers may have observed that at the Annual Meeting it was announced that this was one of the first schemes to be undertaken.

A CORRESPONDENT has sent me the following cutting from the *Lady's Pictorial*. It is, of course, another evidence of the great interest taken in Nursing matters by all classes now-a-days. I do not understand, however, whether it means that the Institution really trains Nurses as well as supplies them for private work. I should be glad to know some particulars on the subject, at any rate. Dublin has made great advances during the last few years in Nursing matters, and certainly has no lack of material either for teaching or being taught. However, our contemporary writes thus: "An excellent field for young strong lady workers has been opened by the establishing of the City of Dublin Nursing Institution, 27, Upper Baggot Street. The Nurses there are subjected to admirable training and instruction, and having passed their qualifying examinations, are paid fixed salaries by the Institute, which is now entirely self-supporting and largely on the increase as to its members. Twenty additional Nurses and Probationers have been lately added to the staff, and despite the large number at present connected with it, the Institute has had to decline upwards of fifty applications for the services of Trained Nurses. Here, then, is a glorious opportunity for suitable candidates: over eighteen, under forty, fairly well educated, endowed with a taste for the work they want to go in for, willing to remain three months on trial, and to accept the unbiassed judgment of those in authority as to their suitability at the end of that time."

I HAVE avoided mentioning the Maybrick case in these columns, for the simple reason that I think the matter is being almost more than fully dealt with by the lay Press. I should not now have

alluded to it, but for the fact that the *Lancashire Evening Post* of Monday last contained the following paragraph.

"THE professional Nurses of Birkenhead Institution have adopted and transmitted to the Home Secretary a petition praying for the respite of Mrs. Maybrick's death sentence, with a view to commutation or reprieve, on the grounds that there was no direct evidence of arsenical poisoning by the prisoner; that there was a strong body of Medical testimony on behalf of the defence; that death was ascribable to natural causes, and that there was not sufficient evidence on the part of the prosecution that it was due to arsenical poisoning."

I FEEL very sorry that our good friends of the Birkenhead Institution have taken up the matter by giving their opinions upon the *professional* side of the question, which I don't think is quite becoming to their position. Had they signed the petition for a reprieve or commutation of the sentence they would have had my heartiest good wishes, for I really think that the case is one fully warranting the exercise of the prerogative of mercy, and it is only womanly to sympathise with the poor, wretched female now lying in prison. But for a number of Nurses to take in hand and question the professional evidence savours strongly of bad "form," and I sincerely hope that the example may not be followed by others.

I AM very pleased to learn, through "Mr. Editor," that the Home of Rest for Nurses, at 3, St. George's Terrace, Herne Bay—which has been opened only about two months—promises to be a great success, no less than fourteen visitors at present making use of it; and one who has returned to work writes to the Lady-in-Charge:—"I cannot thank you enough for all your goodness to me, but I do feel very grateful that you made my stay with you so pleasant and so homely, and I shall always bear 3, St. George's Terrace, in my mind." This speaks volumes for the management and sociability of the Institution, and is a thoroughly practical reply to those who have so unthinkingly tried to persuade Nurses that Holiday Homes are not necessary.

THE Committee of the Dublin Red Cross Nursing Sisterhood recently held a meeting, so I am informed by a contemporary, under the presidency of Sir Robert Jackson, C.B., at which it appears that considerable annoyance was expressed that the uniform of the Institution was not only imitated, but actually copied, by other Hospital

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