

much as a Doctor and a skilled Nurse can do to bring one fever patient back to health. What may we expect, then, in our city Hospitals, when there is only one Nurse—or at most two—over a large Ward of sometimes twenty or more fever patients? We can only expect a heavy death-rate, and we have had it at Grafton Street Hospital from the opening day of that Institution.

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"THE consequent effect upon the Nurses is depression of spirits and over-exertion in a vain attempt to do the work of double their staff—two of the best dispositions for taking and developing fevers. After several hours on their feet, passing from one sick bed to another, receiving the instructions of the Medical men, watching by the delirious, and attending to every want, when the time comes for recreation the Nurses are rather in need of rest than the outdoor walk which they are urged to take. Could not some means be devised to take them for an airing when they are tired out, and so much require the fresh breeze?"

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"IN the Hospital itself there is nothing provided to amuse or to cheer them amidst the gloom and shadow of death in which they move. Though this is a municipal institution, not a book is provided for the empty library case that decorates the Nurses' common-room, nor is there any musical instrument to enliven and cheer them after their labour. No serious results to the patients would accrue from such amusement, for the Nurses live in a building far removed from the Wards. When off duty the nature of their work demands that an effort should be made to relieve the monotony of their lives, for their calling prevents them visiting their relations and friends, who would otherwise give them a welcome and afford them an agreeable change. If something is not done, and sickness continues its ravages amongst the Nurses, it is to be feared that instead of an educated, well-trained, and high-class Nurse, we shall be forced to employ in our fever Wards the questionable mediocrities Liverpool had experience of in the cholera epidemic in years gone by.

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"It is important to our fellow-citizens that our Hospital Nurses should be well cared for and better paid. Here, where it is a matter of life and death, our fellow-citizens do not look so much for an economy that is parsimonious as for a generous, open-handed treatment. Let the Hospital Committee remedy the faults, and, under the ægis of their protection, guard the lives of those ladies who so devotedly tend the fever-stricken."

I SHOULD like to hear from one of the responsible officials of the Hospital in question if the above statements express the actual facts, and if so, what steps have been taken towards ameliorating the condition of the Nurses?

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If I had only had sufficient space at my disposal last week, I should, among several other items, have mentioned that Miss E. Ross, the Lady Superintendent of Nurses at the Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester, who is leaving that Institution for the appointment at the Western Hospital, Fulham, has been presented with a very handsome dressing case by the Nursing Staff, as an expression of the esteem and regard in which she is held by those who have worked under her.

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ST. HELENS (a very dirty, smoky town in Lancashire, which has unfortunately lately been suffering from a very heavy epidemic of typhoid) has just been holding a bazaar under the patronage and help of everybody of note in aid of the Providence Hospital in the place—a most excellent Institution, excellently worked and cared for. By the aid of such a feature it is sincerely hoped that a handsome addition to the funds will be the result. Anyone knowing this (climatically) very unpalatable district will fully appreciate the labours of those ladies, the Sisters, who have so patiently and nobly devoted themselves to the sick and bruised of it.

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A VERY important warrant or circular has been issued by the War authorities to the effect "that in future candidates for the appointment of Nursing Sisters in the Army must be over twenty-five and under thirty-five years of age, and have had at least three years' preliminary training and service in a civil Hospital. They are not to continue in the service after reaching the age of sixty."

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MIDDLESBOROUGH is moving in the direction of hoping soon to establish a Nurses' Home. From what I can learn, one of the leading local Medical gentlemen has for some time past, in conjunction with members of his family, engaged the services of a lady, who is a Trained experienced Nurse, for work among his own patients, and the experiment has been so successful that it is now proposed to make what has hitherto been a private and limited undertaking, a general and unlimited one. It is intended to give a concert shortly on behalf of the projected Home. One can hardly imagine that a town of 100,000 inhabitants is without provision of the kind required. This fact again emphasises the statements I have so frequently put forward when speaking of the overcrowded state of the Nursing profession—that there are still plenty of

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