

instead of allowing her to await the arrival of her sister.

Mr. Pickles, of Portsmouth, seems to experience some difficulty in persuading his colleagues on the Board of Guardians to provide the nurses at the infirmary with relishing rations. There is no doubt that the appetites of women in attendance on the sick all day long do get somewhat variable, and that their food should be appetising and well cooked. Slabs of red inferior foreign meat do not appeal to tired nurses, nor are they a desirable form of nourishment. How it may be at Portsmouth we do not know. Certainly in many infirmaries the experience of the nurses is that it is impossible to consume the *quantities* of rations provided, but the quality and the method of serving is so unappetising that much is wasted. It is largely a question of less red tape and more domestic management.

We are glad that the Newport Guardians realise that the services rendered by their Superintendent Nurse as a lecturer to and teacher of probationers have a monetary value. In arranging a course of training for probationers the Guardians have arranged that the Medical Officer shall be paid 10s. 6d. per lecture, and that the Superintendent Nurse is to be given an honorarium of £10 per annum.

An extraordinary case was recently tried at Bearstead Petty Sessions when Mr. G. T. Avar, prosecuted by the Treasury, pleaded guilty to taking three persons of unsound mind into an unlicensed house, contrary to the Lunacy Act.

Dr. Davies, Superintendent of Barming Asylum, said he visited the house by order of the Lord Chancellor, and found the bed-clothes in an abominable condition. The beds were unfit for human occupation. There were seven male patients in the house, and only two paid servants to look after them. He could not find that any medical man had ever been called in, and there was no provision against fire.

A magistrate said he considered it a great scandal that it had taken the Commissioners in Lunacy sixteen years to find out the condition of things. The patients, some of whom had been in the house for sixteen years, might have been most cruelly used without any protection. The defendant was fined £15, and £10 costs.

Dancing is an accomplishment which in Scotland is much more universal than in this country, and it is, therefore, no doubt a disappointment to Edinburgh nurses that at the "At Home" given by the Town Council no dance is to take place this year on account of the expense. Perhaps some generous citizens will come forward and defray, as individuals, the expenses which the Council, as a body, does not feel justified in incurring.

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OPENING OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN HOSPITAL AT CAIRO.

Patron: H.M. the King.

Vice-President: The President of the United States.

Chairmen: Lord Cromer and the American Consul-General.

On Thursday, January 21st, the new Anglo-American Hospital at Ghezireh, Cairo, was opened by Lord and Lady Cromer in the presence of the Anglo-American society of Cairo, as well as several distinguished visitors and foreigners.

It was a brilliant, crisp, sunny afternoon, so that the guests were able to await outside the arrival of Lord and Lady Cromer, whose carriage drove up punctually at 4 p.m. Lady Cromer was presented with a beautiful bouquet of white hyacinths and white camellias, and they both walked up to the porch, from which Lord Cromer gave an address. He said that the reason the hospital was built was that every nation in Cairo had its own except the English and Americans, and that both communities felt they would prefer to have their own, not only for the residents, but for the numerous visitors; that some people had objected to provision being made for the rich, but that he himself saw no reason why unfortunate millionaires should not be thought of—in fact, the Committee very much hoped and depended on some millionaire having his leg broken, getting nicely nursed, and on quitting the hospital leaving it a very large donation. Apart from the rich man, who was to pay the modest sum of £1 a day, provision had been made for those who could not pay that sum, and, again, small Government employees who preferred paying something would find room, while all maternity cases, from the wives of soldiers upward, would be received. There was one bed which was endowed, and he hoped many others would follow. The hospital had cost £10,000, and they were slightly in debt, but he hoped that matters would soon rectify themselves.

Canon Butcher and Mr. Harvey (American Missionary) each said a prayer, and the Lord's Prayer was then said by all; after which Lady Cromer was given a velvet case which contained the key of the hospital door. She opened the door, and then, turning towards the guests, declared the hospital opened, Lord Cromer adding an invitation "to come in, have a cup of tea, and inspect the hospital."

Tea was served in several rooms, so that there was no crush, and the French confectioner excelled himself in giving the most delicious cakes and pastry, which put everybody in the best of humour, and it did one's heart good to hear the happy chatter and laughter of everybody. The wards and theatre called forth loud exclamations of admiration; everything was so dainty, and clean,

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