

not publish! With all deference to the opposite sex, do they not sometimes lose their tempers over matters politic? However, we will forgive them for this, and many other things, if they will use their influence to obtain for us co-equal citizenship.

The Opposition was small, and no division was taken! One lady present, who is well known to the nursing world, remarked that it was the first time she had attended a meeting of nurses where matters apart from nursing were discussed. This should encourage nurses to expand their minds, and not let them run to seed. It is the intention of the Lodge that these social gatherings shall take place once a week as far as circumstances will allow, to discuss any topical subject of interest. Assuredly this new departure is an excellent move in the right direction, for it will tend to force the interests of nurses into channels other than those of their own work, which too often are of a very depressing character.

The Lord Mayor, who presided at the Guildhall on Saturday last, at a Conference on cripples' work organised by the Guild of the Brave Poor Things said he had learned to know and love these owners of weak and maimed frames, who often possessed powers that, if developed, would enable them to become self-supporting citizens, but were now condemned to a life of monotony and pain. He thought England should follow the lead given by other countries by at once providing homes in which the children could be medically attended and taught useful handicrafts. There was a fine field for them in pursuits depending on the finer qualities of the hand and the brain.

We are glad that the inhabitants of Brentford are writing strongly in the local press concerning the complaints of Councillor Pearce against Miss Ives, the Matron of the Isolation Hospital—complaints which have been absolutely disproved. Everyone will sympathise with Mr. Pearce in the loss he sustained by the death of his child in the hospital, but his grief should not make him bring groundless charges against those who devoted themselves to the child during his last hours.

As a Councillor, Mr. Pearce has, with others, a public duty to perform, and that duty certainly includes making provision for the nursing of the hospital, so that the Matron shall not be on duty sixteen hours a day and then be liable to be called up at night. Had she been wanting in sympathy, no one

could have been surprised; as it is, she appears to have nursed the dying child with the utmost devotion. We hope that the result of the occurrence will be that the hours of the nursing staff at the Isolation Hospital are considerably shortened.

The appointment of Matron to the New Somerset Hospital at Cape Town, vacant through the resignation of Miss J. C. Child, has been advertised only in the South African press. The remuneration is £130 a year.

The 44th Report of Maison de Santé Protestante de Bordeaux contains an interesting report by the Directrice, Dr. Anna Hamilton, of the work of the Nursing School. The routine is much the same as that of an English Hospital, the day nurses going on duty at 7.30 a.m. The night nurses' hours are from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Dr. Dupond, in the medical report, says that the heavy daily work of the pupil nurses is accomplished with unwearied zeal and devotion under the firm and intelligent direction of his distinguished colleague, Mlle. le Docteur Hamilton. It is only possible to praise and admire such a work unreservedly. To carry it on well it is necessary to be supported by faith and guided by charity.

The number of patients nursed in the hospital during the past year was 381, 91 civilian men, and 24 sailors, 143 women, and 123 children. There were six births in the hospital during the year, four boys, and two girls. The number of out-patients seen for the first time during the year was 4,219, the total number of visits being 11,602. The dressings done in the outpatient department numbered 1,687.

The success of the school, and its value in providing well-trained nurses for other institutions, is shown by the posts held by the 31 nurses who possess the diploma of the training school.

*Directrices.*—Mlle. Nectoux, at the Civil and Military Hospital, Albi; Mlle. Gachon, at the Civil and Military Hospital, Alais; Mlle. Miquéore, of the surgical service of the Polyclinic of Béziers-Fonseranes; Mme. Vve. Gardiol, at the Civil and Military Hospital, Amiens.

*Cheftaines* (Ward Sisters).—Mlle. Chaigne, Mlle. Pin, Mlle. Debard, Mlle. Garay, Mlle. Serre, Mlle. Rochelle, Mlle. Barde, Mlle. Rion, Mlle. Ulrich, Mlle. Bosc, Mme. Vve. Bouvard.

*Sous Cheftaine.*—Mlle. Brocher.

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