

have been adequately housed, the nurses of the premier royal hospital in the richest city in the world are still housed with a total disregard of comfort, privacy, and sanitary law. Why do not the enormously wealthy City Companies come forward and plump down that hundred thousand? They could do so without counter-ordering one turtle. Lady Ludlow, the wife of the Treasurer, is appealing for funds to build the Home, and we wish her all success in her efforts to obtain a greatly needed improvement.

Miss Pine, whose long term of service in the Home has endeared her to numberless nurses at "Bart.'s" is taking up new work. In co-operation with Miss Townend, the Matron of the Royal Ear Hospital, London, she intends to open a Nursing Home at Notting Hill.

Sir Thomas Barlow, usually the kindest of physicians, does not appear to hold nurses in very high esteem, to judge from the following expression of opinion at the opening last week of the "School for Mothers":

"Help the mothers," said Sir Thomas Barlow. "Hold before them the simple dignity of nursing their own children. There is a great deal too much nonsense talked by nurses and men of my own profession, telling mothers they must not nurse their children. Nurses are always ready to play up to the prejudices, whims, and fancies of women and their husbands. They tell the mothers they will not be able to go out and will spoil their figures and so on. There is a good deal of talk about the degeneration of society. What would do more than anything else for the regeneration of society would be for mothers to take to nursing their own children."

Of late many so-called Nursing Agencies have sprung up in London, most, we believe, attached to those providing domestic servants, many of which conduct their business with the least possible advantage to well qualified nurses.

We are inclined to think that a well conducted Nursing Agency in London might be useful to nurses and those requiring their services, and are glad to hear that one has been opened by Miss Catherine Kay at 8, Upper Baker Street, W. Miss Kay is a well qualified nurse, holding a three years' certificate from Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, one for midwifery from Queen Charlotte's Hospital, and that of the Incorporated Society of Masseuses for massage, so that she is thoroughly conversant with the value of the various nursing qualifications.

It is proposed to form a County Nursing Association for Kent, to which all existing Associations in the county would be able to become affiliated if they so desired. It is also proposed that the County Associations should be affiliated to the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, which recognises "Village" Nurses as well as "Queen's" Nurses, and which, it is hoped, would make an Annual Grant to the General Fund towards the salary of the County Nursing Superintendent.

On account of the operation of the Midwives' Act, and the scarcity of properly trained midwives, it is considered very desirable that such an Association should be formed in Kent.

A meeting to give publicity to the scheme will be held on July 23rd at the Grand Hotel, Trafalgar Square, London.

Travelling gets more pleasurable every day, and of late much attention has been paid by the progressive railway lines to the comfort of the sick. The new invalid saloons on the London and North-Western line are delightful—quite a little hospital on wheels. Besides a bed, couch, and easy chairs, the compartment contains a lavatory with hot and cold water. The floor is covered with a thick Wilton pile carpet, which is laid on the thickest grey felt. This serves to deaden the sound and lessen the vibration, and makes the compartment very quiet and still while running. The saloons are electrically lighted, the lights having opal-tinted shades; ventilated by extractors, and steam heated, the temperature being controlled by the passengers themselves.

The *Nurses' League Journal* of the Birmingham General Hospital reprints the following advertisement from *Aris's Gazette* in 1807:—

"Joseph Hurst, who had been ordered by the Magistrates to be committed to Warwick Gaol for a burglary in this town, but being taken very ill in our prison, was humanely sent by the police officers to the General Hospital, from whence he made his escape on Friday night. Great precautions were taken to secure the prisoner, by fetters fastened to his bed, but he found means to unlock the chains, and got away without being overheard by any of the patients in the same ward. A large reward is offered for his apprehension."

Most people would, with a sigh of relief, put down the paper thankful to believe that such conditions were a thing of the past. Here is an extract, published in a contemporary, from the letter of a missionary in Central Africa:—

"At Kota Kota we went into the prison and saw two native madmen. One has always to be chained up, and is a pitiable sight. His eyes

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