

have the expression of a caged wild beast. He will have to be chained till he dies."

Surely in the twentieth century, under British rule, some other means should be found to deal with criminal lunatics. It should not be impossible to devise a room in which the prisoner could be confined with safety to himself and others without resorting to the barbarous methods of the middle ages.

And not only from Africa come accounts of the chaining of lunatics. The State Board in Illinois, U.S.A., recently issued a report on an investigation of the condition of the insane in county almshouses, which reveals that misery, filth, indecent mixing of the sexes, insanitary buildings, cruel treatment, and insufficient sleeping accommodation are the rule, while in several instances the use of chains and manacles was discovered.

Modern methods of treatment of the insane have proved such barbarities to be needless, and chains and other atrocities should be consigned to museums and chambers of horrors. The twentieth century should have no use for them.

Miss Gill has taken up her duties as Lady Superintendent at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, this week; it is a magnificent institution. We wish her all success and happiness.

Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll) has contributed £20 towards the endowment fund of Miss Guthrie Wright's Memorial Home for Queen's Nurses in Scotland. Other subscribers include the Earl of Rosebery, £100; the Countess of Home, £25; the Duchess of Buccleuch, £20; and Sir A. and Lady Oliver Riddell, £50.

Miss Dora Breese, of Detroit, who has recently been in London, has taken up work which is becoming increasingly popular with trained nurses in the States. She has specialised as an anæsthetist, and works for one surgeon, her salary being 100 dollars a month (£20). Several nurses have made a great success of this work, and at the Cleveland Hospital, Ohio, a nurse has recently been appointed to give anæsthetics. A thorough course of practical training by physicians is necessary to qualify as a specialist, and, according to Miss Breese, there appears no difficulty in obtaining such instruction.

In England district nurses and others often give anæsthetics in case of urgency, but it would be considered highly improper if they were paid for so doing.

Nurses National Total Abstinence League.

Sir William and Lady Collins gave a charming At Home at 1, Albert Terrace, Regent's Park, to the nurses belonging to the National Total Abstinence League, on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at 4 p.m. A most sumptuous tea was prepared, with every imaginable delicacy, and piles of delicious strawberries and Devonshire cream. After tea, "Sister Rose" of the London Temperance Hospital, charmed the visitors, by singing to them. Tickets were then given to all those who wished to visit the Zoological Gardens, and as they were quite close many availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the "Zoo," and seeing the great improvements which have been made of late for the comfort and health of the animals. Among the guests present were: Miss Orme, who for 25 years was Matron of the London Temperance Hospital, and is revered by all her nurses, and Miss Eilda Dillon, to whose earnest work so much of the success of the League is due. There were masses of lovely flowers all over the house, while the fireplace and mantelpiece in the drawing room were banked up with lovely roses, smilax, hydrangeas, and ferns.

The Passing Bell.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death, which recently took place, of Miss K. S. Bulteel, a lady who, for some years past, has filled the important position of Matron at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital. Owing to her many excellent qualities, her loss will be severely felt. She was a lady who, by her energy, tact, and kindness of heart, endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact; her business abilities were of a high order, and many of the very great improvements that during the past few years have been carried out at the Hospital were due to her initiative. She showed a constant solicitude for the recovery of the patients, and was always on the alert to add to their comforts. The well-being of the nurses was also with her an object of incessant and affectionate concern. Miss Bulteel received her training at the London Hospital, and was appointed Matron at the Taunton Hospital in 1900.

The funeral was very largely attended. The grave was lined with moss studded with white carnations. Some exceptionally beautiful wreaths and crosses were among the numerous floral tributes, the majority of which were carried by the nurses, while others had been placed on the coffin.

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