

Government to grant an increase in the number of Nursing Sisters employed. Eight Nurses, therefore, have been paid for by private funds, as Lady Roberts and her Committee could not resist the appeals for trained help from the places where enteric fever had increased to an alarming extent. A Nursing Home is now being built at Quetta, where the garrison is a very large one, and among the largest subscriptions which have been received for it is one of £250 from the parents of a young officer who died of fever, as their memorial to him." I do most sincerely hope that Lady Roberts' exceedingly useful work may not be in any way crippled for want of the necessary funds.

I AM requested to announce the fact that a certificate of merit has been awarded by the Sanitary Institute for "Lano-Creolin," of which the Jeyes' Sanitary Compounds Company, Limited, are the manufacturers, and which was exhibited at Worcester last year by the company's wholesale agents for the article, who are Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome and Co.

I HAVE much pleasure in chronicling the appointment of Miss Florence Aspinall (late of the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and Hope Hospital, Manchester) to the Matronship of St. Peter's Hospital, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden.

To Nurses who go in for amateur photography—and I know a number of them who do—I strongly recommend for their consideration a very practical and well written little journal, full of hints and information, called the *Optical Magic Lantern Journal and Photographic Enlarger*. Published each month at the modest price of one penny, by Messrs. Woodford Fawcett and Co., Dorset Works, Salisbury Square, E.C.

I HEAR that Miss E. Rimington has just been appointed Matron of the Carmarthen Infirmary. She was trained at the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, ten years ago. Since then Miss Rimington has been Charge Nurse of Wards in different Hospitals, and for a year and nine months was Matron of the Children's Convalescent Home, Meanwood, near Leeds, and gave up that post because of the long winters, when very few children came to the Home. The last appointment Miss Rimington held was as Head Nurse, or Sister, at the Hospital for Incurables, Mauldeth, Manchester. As Head Nurse of Wards, Miss Rimington has for years been accustomed to train Probationers, direct servants, and to look after diets, linen, cleaning, &c. At Meanwood, this lady had entire charge of the children, and of the

housekeeping, ordering in stores, keeping accounts, &c., and gave complete satisfaction to the Medical Officer and to the Ladies' Committee. Miss Rimington is a Member of the British Nurses' Association.

It is announced that at the meeting of the British Nurses' Association, to be held on Friday night, at 20, Hanover Square, Dr. Griffith will read a paper on "The Training of Midwives and Monthly Nurses," and at which meeting Dr. Cullingworth will take the chair. S. G.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

THE LADY'S MAID.

A CROSS between a servant and a friend, the lady's maid is subject to the troubles ever experienced by those who hold an intermediate position in a household; yet the semi-confidential position and the absence of what is considered menial work causes the post to be eagerly coveted by many who would be far happier as an ordinary servant. "A hero is never a hero to his *valet-de-chambre*," runs the old proverb, and equally true is it that a heroine is never a heroine to her maid. The tears bravely kept back for the sake of appearances are allowed to flow freely before her, the temper restrained before is indulged now on an unoffending object, the tightness of the shoes resolutely denied before is willingly owned to now. What does it matter that the patient serving woman should know the little weakness of her otherwise strong character? She has learnt to repress her feelings, and to think only and not to express her thoughts to her mistress; and mistress forgets, or rather does not realise, how different is the same maid in her own house or in the servants' hall, how the silent lips are then unsealed, and opinions formed before are vigorously announced. Lady's maids are only employed by the rich and the aristocracy, for they are the luxury and not the necessity of the servant world, and are therefore the first to be given up when the word goes forth, Retrench! The lady's maid is treated as superior to the other servants, and in many cases of illness and loneliness becomes companion as well as maid. She is always expected to be refined in voice and manner and appearance, and is generally well educated and clever. She is usually the daughter of tradespeople or of old upper servants, but sometimes "real ladies," as the poor are so fond of saying, undertake gladly such a situation, if forced to earn their "daily bread." She must be a good hairdresser, a good dressmaker, and a neat packer, and must have a taste for "the fashions of the

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