

Gosport, has been appointed Superintendent of Nurses at the Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter. If I mistake not, Miss Millar is a member of the British Nurses' Association.

I HAVE received the prospectus of the bazaar to be held in aid of the North London or University College Hospital, on Thursday and Friday, 5th and 6th of June, and a very formidable prospectus it is. The Executive Committee is a thoroughly practical one, and is composed of Augustus Prevost, Esq., B.A., Treasurer of Hospital and Chairman of Committee, 79, Westbourne Terrace, W.; F. Bennoch, Esq., F.S.A., 5, Tavistock Square, W.C.; Talfourd Ely, Esq., M.A., 73, Parliament Hill Road, N.W.; Professor Carey Foster, F.R.S., 18, Daleham Gardens, Hampstead, N.W.; Captain Sir Douglas Galton, K.C.B., F.R.S., &c., 12, Chester Street, S.W.; Rickman J. Godlee, Esq., F.R.C.S., 81, Wimpole Street, W.; J. M. Horsburgh, Esq., M.A., 18, Maddox Street, W.; Henry Lucas, Esq., 46, Gloucester Square, W.; G. V. Poore, Esq., M.D., 30, Wimpole Street, W.; W. Rigden, Esq., 16, Thurloe Place, S.W.; Mrs. Sydney Ringer, 15, Cavendish Place, W. The list of patronesses is lengthy, and the first list of stall holders has an ominous look about it which augurs "business" and the due emptying of pockets: Mrs. Sidney Hoffnung, flowers and fruit; Miss Isabel Goldsmid, miscellaneous; the Misses Pasteur, Mrs. Alexander Marcet, Mrs. R. J. Price, miscellaneous; Mrs. Schäfer, artistic glass and wrought iron work; Lady Stuart, Lady Lyall, Mrs. Tuson, Miss Oldfield, miscellaneous; Mrs. George Harley, Mrs. Alec Tweedie, paintings and work; Mrs. Blomfield Jackson, foreign pottery, &c.; the Treasurer and Mrs. Augustus Prevost, Mrs. Talfourd Ely, miscellaneous; Mrs. Benjamin L. Cohen, Mrs. Radcliffe Crocker, Mrs. H. T. van Laun, refreshments; Miss Cusins, Miss Wallace (and other lady pupils of Nursing), country produce; Miss Ada S. Ballin, "baby" stall; Hospital Sisters and Nurses (hospital stall), miscellaneous; Patients of Hospital, trick collecting boxes.

THE last bazaar I attended I took with me the sum of four pounds eighteen shillings, and a threepenny piece with a hole in it. I came away with two antimacassars and a cigar cutter—the value and usefulness of the latter was *not* appreciated by me—and a perfectly empty purse. It was for a good cause, however, and the "new bonnets" the money was originally intended to purchase had to stand over.

I AM pleased to learn that the Medical journals

are joining in the crusade against religious intolerance. The following is from our contemporary, the *Hospital Gazette*:

"NURSING AND RELIGION.—Many of our readers will find it difficult to believe that theological exigencies are still allowed free play in the choice of Nurses for our metropolitan Hospitals. Such, however, is still sometimes the case, and we could name several institutions where the dogmas of the 'Church of England' are a *sine qua non* for a successful candidature. Without descending to petty inter-sectarian squabbles we would urge that such requirements are incompatible with the free and unfettered development of the art and science of nursing, and we cordially commend the action of those who seek anywhere and everywhere to combat the hydra of sectarianism when it is brought to bear on so cosmopolitan a science as medicine."

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

THE STEWARDESS.

"I NEVER was on the dull tame shore
But I loved the great sea more and more!"

sings Proctor in his song,

"The sea, the sea, the open sea!
The blue, the fresh, the ever free!"

with its racy wild rhythm, which recalls the strong salt breeze, "the child of the ocean foam," to memory. Englishmen, they say, are born sailors, and Englishwomen also, it appears. One would hardly think the life of a stewardess the acme of bliss, but all the firms of whom I have enquired join in saying it is a most coveted post, and that they have ever many applications for one vacancy. The Peninsular and Oriental Company pay their stewardesses £2 10s. a month, but of course this sum is greatly augmented by the fees of grateful passengers, so the stewardess does well pecuniarily; but the work is very hard, for they are ever at the beck and call of the ladies, and have a hundred mistresses instead of one, and sick mistresses also; and, let me add, sea sickness has a very detrimental effect on the temper. So, as my informer at the office stated, they need to be very amiable and good-tempered, and not easily ruffled. Of course, the passengers feel they are partly dependent on the stewardess, and, therefore, are not quite as rude as they would like to be, but for all that she gets a great many sharp words and oftener still sour looks. A knowledge of nursing, and also of waiting upon ladies, is urgently desirable; the character must be irreproachable, and health good. Education is not so important as in many other posts. Having been to sea before is almost a preliminary condition. Most of the steamship companies choose their stewardesses from the relations of those serving on the different

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