

scrub the floors, do the cooking, and "live in." What was wanted in the country was a handy woman with midwifery and a little nursing thrown in!

To which we replied that general servants were very useful, but they were not *trained nurses*. Why could we not have both classes? Because if a nursing standard were established cottage nurses would demand to be trained, and that would be costly and inconvenient. They were better as they were. They wore nurses' uniform, had the title of nurse, and did very well. How different these arguments to those by which his Peers defeated the Directory Bill!

View Day at Bart's, which this year fell on Wednesday last, is an occasion when those who have been connected with this grand old hospital foregather from near and far. This year not only wards which are perennially attractive, but the new outpatients' department had many visitors, some of whom, as they noted its noble proportions and fine equipment, with the large staff of trim nurses now found necessary to carry on the work under the direction of a Sister, mentally compared it with the "Old Surgery," where, in the 'eighties two nurses known as the "Fairies" reigned supreme.

A concert in aid of the new Nurses' Home at St. Bartholomew's Hospital is to be held in the Great Hall of the Hospital, on Thursday, May 21st, at 8.30. Generations of Bart's nurses have in their turn waited hopefully and patiently for the long talked of Home, which is an urgent necessity, and have given practical help by raising some £2,000 towards the funds, through their League. The estimated cost of the building is £80,000, and the amount so far received is £5,881 16s. 6d., so plenty of help is needed. Tickets for the concert, price £1 1s., 10s. 6d., and 5s., are obtainable from the Hon. Secretaries at the Renter's office.

Miss Helen Todd, Matron of the Wandsworth Infirmary, has been invited to contribute a leading paper in the Nurses' Session, to be held in connection with the International Congress on Tuberculosis at Washington, U.S.A., which will last from September 21st, to October 12th. The Nurses' Session is included in Section V. of the Congress, which will deal with the Hygienic, Social, Industrial, and Economic Aspects of Tuberculosis. Miss Todd was for eight years Matron of the Royal National Sanatorium, Bournemouth, where

she did excellent work, and took the keenest interest in its educational side. It will be remembered also that she organised a very interesting exhibit of articles of nursing interest and literature connected with tuberculosis at the Nursing Exhibition at St. George's Hall, Mount Street, W., organised by the National Council of Trained Nurses in November, 1906. She has contributed many valuable articles on the subject to this Journal, and British Nurses may rest assured that in inviting Miss Todd to present a paper the Committee of the International Congress on Tuberculosis have selected a lady thoroughly acquainted with her subject and competent to present it both ably and attractively.

The Matron, Miss Barton, and the Nursing Staff at the Chelsea Infirmary are to be congratulated that, as everyone expected, the report of the Local Government Board Inspectors as to its administration, has proved that a high standard of nursing is maintained throughout the infirmary. The inspectors state in their report "every facility and all information was most willingly given to us by the entire staff. We visited every ward unaccompanied by any of the chief officers, and we conversed with a large proportion of the inmates individually, and in the absence of any officer. Full opportunity was thus afforded for any patient to complain without deterrence, and we regard it as a remarkable testimony to the care bestowed on the patients' welfare generally, in this large institution, that no complaints were made to us by any of the inmates." They say also that they have been furnished with "spontaneous and independent testimony in favour of the institution from patients, and friends of patients, who had no motive to speak otherwise than freely and candidly, and whose statements were all expressions of gratitude for the benefits they had received. In the nursing profession Chelsea Infirmary has a wide reputation as a successful training school for nurses; the establishment of this, under the present Medical Superintendent, Dr. Moore, dates back, we believe, to 1887."

The weak point appears to be one of structural deficiency "owing to the want of proper receiving wards the medical examination of the patient, prior to his being warded, cannot be more than superficial. Ambulance cases indeed have to be examined in the vehicle at the infirmary door." The inspectors say that "it should be a definite duty on the part of the charge nurse of the ward, when the patient's coming has been notified, to see that the proper steps are being taken to bring him

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