

fire, an arm chair, and books—always books—and in moments of leisure she is at once oblivious to her surroundings, and asks nothing more of the fates, except that down in the garden is a chicken run and a feathered family which provides her with new laid eggs, and excellent poultry, on which she keeps an interested, friendly, and critical eye.

The newest department of the hospital is the kitchen, which is just finished and will shortly be taken into use. It is lined throughout with white glazed tiles, and provided with the latest labour saving appliances, and must surely be a model of its kind.

Attached to the hospital is a chapel, where service is regularly held on Sundays and on certain week days also, and is well filled by a congregation of nurses and convalescent patients, and which contains amongst other things a memorial tablet to a nurse who died of enteric fever in the service of the hospital, and another to Dr. Edward Harman, a former member of the staff, and for many years a regular worshipper in the chapel. He died in 1876, and the tablet was erected "in loving and respectful remembrance" by "the porter, nurses, and servants of the hospital." (Observe the order, and consider the ascendancy of man, as by the divine right of kings.)

A very successful sale of work on behalf of the Victoria Central Hospital, Liscard, was held recently at the hospital, and the Matron, Miss Bailie, the nursing staff, and the members of the Patients' Committee, are greatly to be congratulated on the result. The full proceeds realised were £100, a sum which will be a very welcome addition to the exchequer.

Arrangements have been made at the Nurses' Home in Dorchester for the reception of paying patients requiring surgical or special medical treatment. It is hoped that this may prove beneficial to some who would not be considered suitable for admission to the County Hospital, and yet could ill afford the expense of the private homes in London or elsewhere, entailing a long journey and distance from friends. It is announced that patients coming to the County Home in Dorchester may be assured of the services of fully-trained nurses under a capable and experienced Matron, and may be attended by any medical gentleman they may select. The terms will be kept as low as possible.

The deaths of three patients at the Hemel Hempstead Workhouse Infirmary shortly after

baths given to them on Monday, October 4th, by a porter named Goodson, have been followed by inquests into the cause of death. Goodson acted, it is said, under the instruction of nurses. The three patients who died were Edward Almond, 56, suffering from broncho-pneumonia, Alfred Howells, 54, stated to be in the last stage of consumption, who died twenty minutes after his return to the ward, and William Adams, 68, suffering from bronchitis, who after the bath had an attack of hæmorrhage. Almond died the same afternoon, and Adams on Friday, October 8th.

Certificates of death were given in the usual way, but when the facts came to the knowledge of the Master and Matron on October 6th, they were communicated to the Clerk to the Guardians, with the result that the funerals of the two men were stopped. The Guardians made a searching enquiry at a special meeting of the Board on Thursday, 7th, with the result that a nurse was temporarily suspended. Inquests on the two men who died on Monday, 4th, were held on the same Thursday, and adjourned. It is a curious fact that the Clerk to the Guardians is also District Coroner.

We have on previous occasions expressed our strong conviction that as soon as patients come under the care of a hospital or infirmary, their treatment and care should be in skilled hands, and that the administration of baths to male patients by porters should not be permitted. Either they should be blanket-bathed in bed by the ward nurses, or, if taken to the bath-room, a trained male nurse should always be in attendance.

Nurse Stalwood, of Swansea, is a woman of courage, and recently the Swansea police received into custody a man on a charge of suspicious presence on the Hospital grounds. His arrest was effected by Nurse Stalwood, who states that the man had been hanging about the grounds night after night, and had caused no little alarm. She saw him there late one night, and on going out forced him into the Hospital and detained him until the arrival of the police.

At a recent meeting of the Directors of the Caird Home for Nurses, Dundee, for the purpose of considering questions which had arisen regarding the position of the Matron, whose resignation had been demanded during her absence on holiday, it was reported that as soon as the matter became known an agitation arose amongst those associated with the Home, to have the resolution rescinded. A deputation attended a meeting of Directors, and there was

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