

the patients and the bed-making frequently begins at one a.m. to enable the nurse to get round. She describes the Matron as the only untrained Matron of a metropolitan infirmary. The officers concerned, who have commented on this report, admit the accuracy of some of the statements, but say that the washing of patients at one a.m. refers to those who need changing.

The Matron has, we believe, held this position for many years, and was appointed at a time when untrained Matrons were frequently appointed. We may suggest that she might reasonably be pensioned by the guardians.

There have been frequent resignations of nurses and other officers, and, at the request of the Local Government Board the whole question is being considered by the Guardians.

A feeble old lady, named Catherine Bridle (74), was charged at Westminster with begging at Belgrave Road. Interest attached to the defendant in consequence of her statement that she was a nurse in the Crimean campaign. It was stated by the police that defendant was in receipt of an old age pension. Mr. Francis: If I convict her she will lose it Constable: Yes, sir. Mr. Francis: Then I won't do that. She is an old lady. "Don't come again," he added.

We wonder if her statement that she was a nurse in the Crimea was true? Poor old dear! No doubt whatever her work has been—it has been so badly paid that she could not save a penny for old age. At their present rate of remuneration village and cottage nurses and midwives will find themselves swelling the ranks of those who starve, or eat unpalatable pauper fare when working days are done.

Sir Archibald and Lady Campbell of Succoth kindly entertained about 50 members of the nursing staff of the Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow, in their beautiful grounds, on Saturday last. The weather was charming, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent.

The American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses celebrated on May 19th the 50th anniversary of the founding of the first training school for nurses in London with a great meeting at Carnegie Hall, New York. The proceedings included numerous tributes to Miss Florence Nightingale, whom Mr. Choate, ex-Ambassador to Great Britain, pronounced to be "one of the great heroines of the race."

Addresses were also given by the Bishop of New York, Professor Fairfield Osborn, President of the American Museum of Natural History, and Dr. W. M. Polk, Dean of Cornell University.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Mr. Cosmo Bonsor, the popular Treasurer of Guy's Hospital, has been elected President for the year of the British Hospitals Association. The objects of the Association are the consideration of all subjects in connection with hospital management. It is hoped to hold an annual conference. The Secretary of the Royal Free Hospital, Mr. Conrad Thies, has been elected Treasurer of the Association, whilst the joint Honorary Secretaries appointed are Mr. A. William West, Treasurer and Chairman of St. George's Hospital, and Dr. D. J. Mackintosh, M.V.O., the Medical Superintendent of the Western Infirmary at Glasgow.

Mr. F. Tendron, of Tunbridge Wells, has left to charitable institutions specific bequests to the amount of £6,500 and the residue of his estate, which will apparently amount to about £35,000, equally between the London Hospital, the Tunbridge Wells General Hospital, and the Society for the Relief of the Distressed.

The late Dr. Stanley Atkinson, a much respected member of the Central Midwives' Board, has left £5,000 to be distributed as follows:—£4,000 to the Congregational Schools at Caterham; £500 to the Congregational School at Milton Mount, Gravesend; £500 to ten (or more) deserving persons connected with the Congregational Chapel at Latimer Road, Stepney.

The Chief Commissioner of Metropolitan Police has issued the following communication on the ambulance work accomplished during the Lying-in-State and Funeral Procession of the late King:—
"The St. John Ambulance Association supplied ambulances at thirty-five stations along the line of route, and the Church Nursing and Ambulance Brigade of Women and Girls supplied six. In addition there was a stretcher bearer section of the 25th Batn. County of London Regiment. Owing to the heat and the long wait all these stations were kept fully employed on the 20th inst. The Commissioner of Police desires to express to these Associations his grateful thanks for the invaluable aid they rendered, not only on this day, but also on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the Lying-in-State. It should be added that beyond these civilian stations the Military Ambulance Corps rendered substantial aid to all comers; and to them also the thanks of the public are due."

The following are the returns of the St. John Ambulance Brigade for May 20th:—

Total number of all ranks on duty, 1,163.

Total number of cases treated, 6,014.

The stations at which the largest number of casualties were treated are as follows:—Apsley Gate, 645; the Mall, opposite Marlborough Yard, 593; Jermyn Street, 348; in the Green Park, opposite Half Moon Street, 304; Seymour Street, Edgware Road, 270; Grosvenor Road, 230; Horse Guards Avenue, 253; and Marble Arch, 250. Of these cases 20 were removed to hospital.

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