

Miss Bateman was asked if she would accept a salary of £25, which she declined, stating that she was already receiving £30 per annum, and a rise was due to her shortly. It was decided to advertise again for a certificated nurse, and to pay Miss Bateman £2 9s. for her travelling expenses.

It is, therefore, apparent that by the time this assistant nurse is appointed she will cost the ratepayers in salary, advertisements, and travelling expenses some £45 for the first year.

Lady O'Hagan, who recently opened a new Nurses' Home in connection with the Burnley Union Workhouse, to accommodate 54 nurses, said that the care of the sick, and the province and profession of the nurse, were about the highest, noblest, and grandest work, undertaken in a proper spirit, that could fall to any woman, and there was no work more eminently fitted for women. In fact, it was the one profession in which they had no competition to fear with the other sex. It was because she hoped that all those who were sick, poor, and needy in that town might have their ministrations under the best circumstances that she had very great pleasure in declaring the new home open.

At the Annual Meeting of the Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System, Paralysis, and Epilepsy, Claremont Street, Belfast, at which Sir Robert Anderson, J.P., presided, the report stated that 699 patients suffering from almost every conceivable form of nervous ailment received treatment, and the attendances on extern patients numbered 6,306. During the year the comfort of the patients had been well looked after by the Matron, Miss Ritchie, and the nursing staff, all of whom had been unremitting in their care and attention to the wants of those committed to their charge and had given the Committee the greatest satisfaction.

The Committee which is appealing for funds to establish an Order of Nurses in South Africa as a memorial to King Edward, while making inquiries in connection with the memorial, have become deeply impressed by the prevalence and spread of consumption in South Africa. The matter is of the gravest concern in view of the magnitude of the evil, and the Committee urges that immediate steps should be taken by the Government to remedy such a serious menace to the country's future, as it is beyond the scope of private enterprise to grapple with it. In this connection climate according to *South Africa* is a valuable asset

of the country never yet adequately appreciated. The magnificent Karoo plains, where there is a very small rainfall and an altitude of 3,000 to 5,000 feet, forms absolutely a *beau idéal* climate for cases of incipient phthisis.

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THE CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL CORONATION YEAR APPEAL EXHIBIT.

Charing Cross Hospital, which is in the very centre of the Metropolis, and has an enormous demand upon its beds, every one of which should be available to the sick public, has been compelled to close wards for lack of funds. As most of our readers know, the Lady Juliet Duff, the President, and an influential Appeal Committee, are making a great effort this Coronation year to raise £100,000 to pay off the mortgage debt of £85,000, with which the Hospital is crippled, and to complete the Nurses' Home, so as to provide accommodation for the extra nurses required to staff the closed wards. Owing to its position the hospital receives a large number of accidents, and renders not only local but universal service. One bed is endowed by the American Victoria Jubilee Committee for the reception of American patients, and only a few months ago two American gentlemen who met with severe accidents close by gave substantial contributions before leaving in recognition of the care and kindness which they received. But many are not in a position to recompense the hospital except with gratitude, and therefore the Committee appeals to the well-to-do to help to keep its doors open and its wards equipped for the relief of the suffering poor.

And so the Hospital has sent forth its Coronation Year Appeal at the Festival of Empire at the Crystal Palace, where it has an exhibit, in order that all who visit the Palace may have brought home to them the excellence of the work it can achieve if the public will supply the necessary funds. The exhibit includes a hospital ward, an X-ray room, an operating theatre with patent "Doloment" flooring, and walls painted with Ripolin, and a casualty room in which demonstrations of first-aid treatment are given periodically. In connection with the Coronation Year Appeal an effort is also being made to raise "The David Livingstone Centenary Million Shilling Fund." This great explorer and Christian Missionary was a student at the hospital, and it is hoped that the Fund will be completed by 1913, his centenary year. Surely a shilling is a small sum to give as a thank-offering for the life and work of so noble a hero.

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