

NURSING ECHOES.

We do not believe that nurses are amongst those who are guilty of the cruelty of leaving animals to starve when going for their holidays; they are too tenderhearted to suffering in all its forms, and to know that the alternative for their pets was the chance kindness of strangers, or starvation, would quite deprive nurses worthy of the name of any enjoyment. But it is true, though incredible, that many people do go away at this season leaving their domestic pets, and more especially their cats, to shift for themselves, and private nurses, by a well-timed word, may help to prevent this wanton cruelty.

By the kind permission of the Editor of *The Animals' Friend* we are able to reproduce the accompanying picture, and there are surely few who can resist its appeal. Our contemporary gives a necessary word of advice to those who do make provision for their pets.

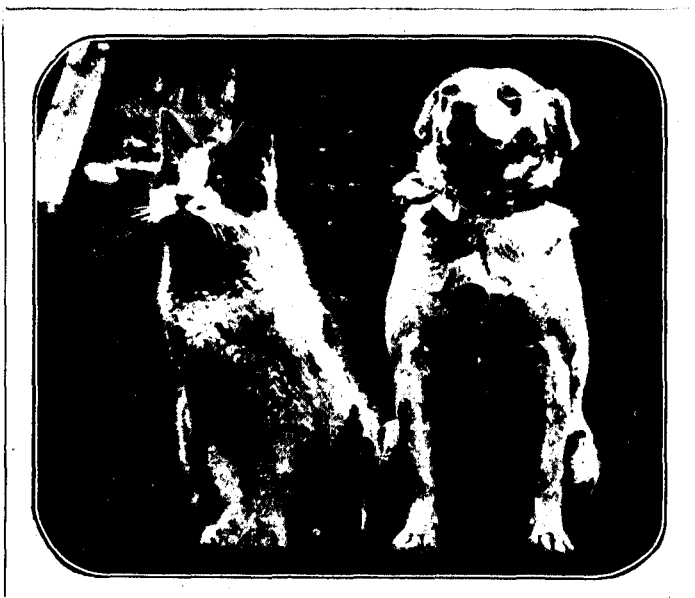
"In all cases inspect the temporary homes, and see animals safely settled in before the bustle of packing commences. Cats particularly dislike disturbance, and may slink away to some out-of-the-way corner—even a cupboard—and get shut up. Far better have an animal lethargized than leave it unprotected during absence."

The value of the work of school nurses received striking testimony at a recent meeting of the Lowestoft Education Committee, when the special sub-committee appointed to consider the question of the appointment of a school nurse reported on the desirability of the appointment. The sub-committee was of opinion that the appointment of a school nurse would add little (if any) expense to the rates. A nurse could be obtained at a salary of from £70 to £80 per annum, and with certain other

expenses for treatment of minor ailments and aiding in the provision of spectacles, &c., or by small contributions to existing agencies, the expenditure was estimated not to exceed £100 per annum. The sub-committee was assured that the greater part of the expense would be met by increased grants for increased average attendance.

Lady Frances Balfour presided recently at a meeting of the Tiree Nursing Committee, when the treasurer was able to make the welcome announcements that the subscriptions received showed a steady increase all round and that a Sale of Work recently held at Scarinish realized a sum of £34.

Lady Frances congratulated the committee on the satisfactory way in which the financial year had been wound up, but said she could not help thinking there was room for further gratuitous giving on the part of all who had the welfare of the sick and suffering at heart. She regretted that they were to be deprived of the services of Nurse Douglas, who during the five years in which she had acted as



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district nurse had done such humane and beneficent work. The parish minister, the Rev. D. Macpherson, in proposing a vote of thanks to Lady Frances for presiding, was, we are glad to learn, able to report that, although Tiree knew much sickness, it knew very little poverty.

State pensions amounting to £2 8s. a month are now (says the *Standard*) to be granted to the surviving women nurses who served through the American Civil War. Enlisted nurses have received for years a pension from the Nurses' Pension Fund, but the women who served voluntarily no recognition at all. About 75 women will benefit under this ruling, all of them over 80 years of age, and many in straitened circumstances.

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