

an inexperienced young Nurse so placed did not feel overwhelmed with her responsibility she must have mistaken her vocation. We read (sec. 6,552) of an 'untrained Probationer' of only a few weeks' standing left in charge of a Ward for a whole day, subject only to the control of a Sister who has sometimes sixty patients under her care ; and of one of less than two weeks' standing (sec. 5,760) being set to spend twelve hours by the bedside of two patients raving with *delirium tremens*, and compelled even to drink her tea at their side.

"These are but a few things which strike the eye in these pages. There is much else which must be looked into, which ought to have been looked into before the Committee impugned passed a complacent resolution upon the evidence.

"To sweat women is always easy, and there is a special temptation for the employers of Nurses. For there is a crowd of recruits. To many the work is the only opening for earning bread. Being neither pleasant nor well-paid, men have declared it women's heaven-made sphere. To others, better off, but sick of idleness at home, it offers 'something to do.' Neither the enthusiast, nor she whose career depends on the favour of her superiors, is likely to rebel against what both are bidden to accept as an eternal law of over-pressure. For us, we think of that tell-tale record of eight Nurses sacrificed in two years ; we see raw girls complacently pitchforked into this struggle with suffering and squalor whose parents have scarcely allowed them before to button their own boots ; and we will not accept as an eternal law what we feel more stirred to stigmatize as death-traps for Nurses."

### PRAYER AND HELP FOR OUR HOSPITALS SOCIETY.

MISS TYSON is anxious to found a society, of which the following explains its excellent objects, and will be glad of the assistance and co-operation of any of our readers.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I, \_\_\_\_\_ have consented to become a member of the above Society and to conform to the following rules :—

1.—Every member to pray every Sunday evening that God will bless all the inmates of our Hospitals, and especially all young children ; that He will help them to bear all sorrow and suffering, remembering He has sent it ; and that they may be able to say and fully realise the words of the Lord's prayer, "Thy will be done."

2.—Every member must make or send two articles at least during one year for the suffering

ones, and forward same to Secretary, Miss Ada B. Tyson, 9, Gayton Crescent, Hampstead. Suggestions for articles, toys, dolls (dressed or undressed), plain work, &c.

3.—Each member will receive a copy of any receipt for articles sent to the Hospitals.

4.—Each member is requested to use her personal influence in securing other members, remembering the words, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I will grant their requests." See also John xiv. 12, Mark xi. 24, 1 John iii. 22.

5.—After joining for one year, each member will receive a printed card of membership. This rule is to enable the Secretary to obtain many members before going to the expense of having anything printed.

6.—Anyone withdrawing must please send notice to the Secretary.

MOTTO.

"Prayer is the burden of a sigh,  
The falling of a tear,  
The upward glancing of an eye  
When none but God is near."

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### NURSING ECHOES.

\*.\* All communications must be duly authenticated with name and address, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

NURSES all over the kingdom will be glad to hear that the *Pall Mall Gazette* has espoused their cause ; for there are scores of Nurses who have worked and suffered at the London Hospital, and I advise every one of them to write at once to the Editor of the *Pall Mall Gazette*, Northumberland Street, Strand, giving him particulars of over-work and under-feeding ;



of the manner in which patients were neglected because there were not sufficient Nurses to do justice to them ; of paying Probationers who were sent out as Private Nurses ; of unjust dismissals from the Hospital service, and other facts. We get many such letters ; but no professional journal can reach the *public* as the *Pall Mall Gazette* can, and no journal is more strongly opposed to, or more successful in defeating, injustice and wrong. Hundreds will wish it success in its new crusade, for the state of affairs at the London Hospital has long been notorious in

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