

Nurse was, in a sense, herself to blame for such conduct, but still when she knew that her complaint would be met with a scowl one could scarcely blame her altogether. I cannot remember exact particulars regarding long hours, but can say with safety that spells of sixteen and eighteen hours were not uncommon, while day and night duty with fever cases (when few) was quite common. I could enlarge the list, but must stop. I trust that our smaller Hospitals will have a share of the good that, it is hoped, will accrue from the investigations at present afoot; and that the time is not far distant when all our Hospitals, both large and small, will be put on a surer footing as regards their financial position than they occupy at present; or at least, that like asylums they will have the benefit of a higher control than can be exerted by a board of narrow-minded provincials. I also hope that the voice of our Nurses, who bear the brunt of the suffering inflicted by a board of would-be economical Hospitals Boards, will be heard and heard distinctly before the agitation is finally quashed.—I am, &c., ANOTHER EX-HOUSE SURGEON.*

MISS N. WINTER, M.B.N.A., who is the fortunate winner in the eighteenth Prize Essay Competition, writes as follows:—"Many thanks for the book received; it is splendid, and I am very glad to have it."*

I AM pleased to hear that Miss M. Powell has chosen for her prize in the third Post-Card Examination Goldsmith's "Vicar of Wakefield," and Wordsworth's "Pastoral Poems." A very happy selection, I should say.*

I AM glad to learn that arrangements have been made at Aldershot for soldiers' wives to undergo a course of training in Midwifery and General Nursing, in a class to be formed on the 15th inst., under the direction of Surgeon-Major Finlay, of the Army Medical Department. This is a step decidedly in the right direction.*

MISS EMILY SANDERSON, M.B.N.A., writes to our interesting contemporary *Invention* as follows:—"Being a Monthly Nurse I wish to draw your attention to the corks used in the old-fashioned glass feeding bottles with a hole in the centre and a teat fixed on at one end. I consider them perfect with the exception of the corks, which are made of cork with a polished boxwood top glued on to it and a hole drilled through it. I wish to suggest that if the corks were made of india-rubber (not vulcanite), like those used with some makers' patent feeding bottles with tubes, it would be far more wholesome for infants. Cork being

porous the milk will penetrate, and when once that happens it is impossible to keep them sweet. I greatly condemn all bottles with tubes, and if this alteration could be made I should be the first to recommend them." Perhaps Miss Sanderson has not seen the "Thermo Safeguard" feeding bottle, which is manufactured by Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome and Co., Snow Hill, E.C., which has a cap of neither cork nor indiarubber, both of which materials I consider most unsuitable, but of glass, therefore easily kept clean. I have great faith in this particular feeding bottle, because Mr. Editor, who was consulted by the manufacturers when it was first brought out, made several valuable suggestions, which were adopted. The glass stopper was not one of the least important.*

It is a great pleasure to me to be able to record any words of praise rendered on behalf of Nurses. At a recent meeting of the Whitechapel Guardian Board, Dr. Gould, the assistant Medical Officer, who by the way has just resigned his appointment, "paid a high compliment to the Nursing Staff of the Infirmary, for the efficiency they had shown in dealing with the various and numerous difficult cases which came before them."*

WHILST the *Metropolitan* reports a meeting of the City Guardian Board:—"Mr. F. F. Day, in moving the report of the Infirmary Committee recommending that the building in the North Block, West Side, be raised one floor higher over Wards 26 and 28, for the accommodation of the Nurses, and that it be referred back to the committee to obtain plans and estimates of the cost from Mr. Hammond, architect, and report to the Board, said that the expenses would not be much, and would provide accommodation for twelve Nurses.—Mr. Mann asked whether the committee had taken into consideration another room near the entrance. He thought that would do, and did not think there should be any more money spent on building at Bow.—Mr. Hough did not believe in bricks and mortar. (Laughter.) The building at the present time had forty less people than it was constructed for. He thought they had too many Nurses.—Mr. Lile could not follow the last speaker. (Mr. Hough: 'No; you never do.')(Laughter.) He was surprised at Mr. Mann's suggestion. The accommodation now given to the Nurses was not nearly so good as that given to the patients. The committee had considered whether they should use the room, and had thought it impossible, as there would be no communication between the Nurses and the patients. If they did not do something for the Nurses they would always be getting resignations." If Mr.

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