

We thank the reader who draws our attention to the following advertisement:—

#### VICTORIA COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

NURSE-MATRON REQUIRED, to manage small Hospital (4 beds), with help of a Domestic, on 18th June. Commencing salary £20, with residence, laundry, and £3 towards uniforms.

Applications, giving age, nursing certificates, and housekeeping experience, and with copies of testimonials (not returnable) to reach me by 29th instant.

CHARLES ROBINSON,  
Hon. Secretary.

Watton, Norfolk,  
May 13th, 1913.

We wonder many things. Not only about the "nurse-matron," but about the patients. What type of woman will offer herself as "nurse-matron," that is, with two professions at her finger tips for £20 a year!?

What happens to the patients in the night, also when the "nurse-matron" is off duty? Does the "Domestic" take in accidents? If so, How? Who is the Chairman of this dangerously understaffed hospital? Another "formidable menace" for Mr. Sydney Holland's list. His signature should be secured without delay.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh recently opened a new Nursing Home in Edinburgh for patients of limited means, willing to pay a moderate sum but who cannot afford the charges of an ordinary nursing home. Lord Balfour said that the class for whom it was intended to provide was one which was often overlooked, and which had to bear a great many of the burdens of the State in almost undue proportion, and which did not receive the sympathy, attention, or credit it deserved. He hoped the Home would be of great benefit to those who secured its advantages. A writer in the *Glasgow Herald*, referring to the scheme, subsequently, expressed the hope that Glasgow would not be far behind Edinburgh in such a philanthropic object.

Lord Provost Maitland last week presided at the annual prize-giving, and Mrs. G. M. Cook presented the prizes to the nurses at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen who had won them, in the presence of a large company of friends and well-wishers. The prizes were awarded for proficiency in the last year's courses of training. The Matron, Miss Edmondson, reported that there had been two final examinations during the past year, and on both occasions the examiners expressed satisfaction with the knowledge and efficiency of the nurses.

Dr. Purefoy, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, occupied the chair at the annual general meeting of the King Edward Coronation Fund for Nurses, Dublin, and, in moving the adoption of the report, presented by Miss Boland, enlarged upon the debt owed to nurses by members of the medical profession. Miss B. Kelly and Miss A. M. MacDonnell, R.R.C., were elected members of the Council under rule 17, and the following ladies were elected by ballot as representatives of the nurses on the Council for the ensuing year:—Miss McGivney, Lady Superintendent Mater Misericordiæ Hospital; Miss Powell, late Lady Superintendent Charlemont Hospital; Miss Colvin, Lady Superintendent Mageough Home; Miss Reed, Ivanhoe, Lansdowne Road; Miss Corless, Archbishop's House, Drumcondra.

At the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast—where Saturday last was Hospital Saturday, and we hope a great success—a system is in force whereby the part of each nurse concerned in the preparation for an operation is so nicely adjusted that no one can shift responsibility for a mistake on to another, and it is claimed that this system of placing responsibility ensures efficiency. Nurses in this up-to-date hospital get excellent experience in the operating theatres—of which there are a large number.

Miss Helen B. Calder, secretary of the Women's Board of Missions, Boston, U.S.A., writes in the *American Journal of Nursing*:—

The war with the Balkan States has drained heavily on Turkish resources of men and money. The inevitable result will be great poverty and physical suffering which open wide doors for medical missionary service. Moslems can be reached through hospital work who could not be touched by any other missionary influence. The hospital records are full of incidents which emphasise this fact.

A great crisis immediately confronts us in the Moslem world. As the political power of the Mohammedans is waning, as the Turks are facing defeat and are embittered by the most un-Christlike denunciations or indifference of Christian nations, they are in dire need of true friends. If, in this moment of weakness and need, we can come to them with our message of Christlike love and true neighbourliness, through schools, hospitals, and evangelistic work, we can win for Christ their intense missionary zeal so that they will unite with us in our efforts to win the world for Him.

Medical Mission work has always been a great power for good, as may be expected, as it follows closely on the methods adopted by its Divine Founder.

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