

many instances leads to friction and prevents the best candidates from applying.

We entirely agree with the point of view of the Association, of which the President of the Local Government Board will do well to take note. The best nurses will not apply for the position of Superintendent Nurse so long as they are under the control of the Workhouse Master or Matron.

As the credit of the progressive work of Miss Dorothy Snell, as Matron of Queen Elena's Nursing School in Rome, and of Miss Wheatley under the British Red Crescent Society in Turkey, has been given, without contradiction, to the London Hospital, we may mention there are other hospitals in the United Kingdom which have nurses. Miss Snell was trained at the London Homœopathic Hospital, and Miss Wheatley at the Westminster Hospital, both of which schools demand a three years' standard of experience before certification.

Sisters Haswell and Park, R.N.S., have for some weeks past been working hard at Knaijevo, Sofia, and have had the satisfaction of seeing good results. The gratitude of the poor Turk is quite pathetic they find. The English Mission were at Knaijevo all winter, and moved to Adrianople when the siege was raised, when the hospital was worked by the Bulgarians and a Russian doctor. Since that time it was quickly filled with wounded. About a month ago Sister Park was transferred to the medical side, and has been in charge of a large ward for typhus fever. At present there is quite a cosmopolitan community at Knaijevo. Turkish patients; 1 Russian, 1 Italian and 3 Turkish doctors; 2 English, 2 Bulgarian and 1 Russian Army Sister.

The fact that our Sisters keep on working systematically without supervision or being "whipped up" causes some surprise. They are to move on to Adrianople to see the city

and will then soon return home. Both Sisters have kept very well in health.

Under the heading of "Malicious Criticism" the *American Journal of Nursing* this month remarks editorially:—

"With its usual contemptuous attitude toward everything that has to do with the raising of nursing standards, whether at home or abroad, the *Hospital*, an English nursing publication, has taken occasion to ridicule that portion of the 'History of Nursing' which deals with conditions in England at the present time. The heading of this review is 'A Comic History of British Nursing' and the comments



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are in keeping with the title. We have for many years consigned this magazine to the waste-paper basket when it has come to our office, without opening it, and this review comes to our notice only through a clipping sent to us. The whole account is another evidence of the malicious character of the opposition that the small group of progressive English nurses have to combat."

We thank the Editor of the *American Journal of Nursing* for her perspicuity. The journal she alludes to is of no account in this country; but its chief proprietor Sir Henry Burdett is only human, and as the "History" exposes his most contemptible attempt, for a long

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