

nursing work of any kind was regarded as degrading, and the patients were left to the care of women of the very lowest class, ignorant, incompetent, drunken, and dissolute, and hospitals were shunned and avoided by those to whom their help should have been extended.

In Scotland, where the work of women in male wards has been much more extensively utilized than on this side the Border, there is a consensus of opinion in its favour, and one Matron of experience in this connection asserts that she much prefers to nurse insane men to insane women.

The question of the appointment of a maternity nurse to the Ballymena district was under the consideration of the Limvady Guardians at a recent meeting, the Guardians' advertisements having failed to attract applicants. The Local Government Board suggested an increase in the salary (£25). The Clerk was directed to enquire whether, in the event of the residents subscribing to support a Queen's Nurse, the Guardians could apply the salary of the midwife as a subscription, so obviating the necessity for appointing a Union midwife.

The promoters of the project to establish a home of rest for nurses as a memorial to Miss Cavell, have received the offer of a house and garden at Hindhead, valued at £2,500. A sum of £10,000, however, will be needed to endow it.

It is interesting to note in the Annual Report of the South Travancore Medical Mission, which is in connection with the London Missionary Society, that the eldest girl in the Orphanage (Annal) is adopting nursing as her rôle in life, and is training at the American Mission Hospital at Vellore. In making the announcement the Report states:—"She has before her a three years' course of steady work which will tax her perseverance and industry, but which will also, we hope, better equip her for the battle of life and for future usefulness."

We are sorry to note that some of our colleagues in the United States are supporting the campaign against Preparedness for War. We wonder how many thousands of precious valiant lives have been sacrificed in this country to our stupid and selfish policy of *laissez faire*, and not preparing to protect our national rights and privileges. You cannot keep a fine jewel safely unless it is under lock and key. The Navy and the Army are the keepers of our Crown Jewels—the Jewels of our homes and

peace. There may come a time in human history when the lion will lie down with the lamb—but that time is not yet. "All progress is strife to the end," says Miss Mollett—mental, moral, or material. It is our duty to prepare. We hear that American doctors are over here inquiring into our system of military nursing, and visiting our military hospitals. That is wise, as our trained Military Nursing Services are worthy of consideration.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned at the inquest at Bristol on Friday, 9th June, as to the death of Miss Lilian K. Jones. The evidence was that the deceased was a nurse at the Southmead Military Hospital, and on Tuesday she went for a cycle ride to Henbury with another nurse. As they were going down Henbury Hill an elderly man, who, with others, was walking along the road, stepped straight in front of deceased's bicycle. There was a collision, and Nurse Jones was thrown violently to the ground. Her companion went to her aid, and finding her unconscious, she asked the man to help, which he refused to do. He was apparently sober, but did not seem sensible.

The house surgeon at Bristol Royal Infirmary, to which the deceased was taken, said that death was due to hæmorrhage from fracture of the base of the skull.

The Coroner, in summing up, commented on the fact that two women who were in the road did not give help, but walked on, and that the old man (who it was intended to call, but who could not be found) refused to give help.

In our opinion the conduct of these persons was most inhuman, and it is a pity it cannot be punished.

COLONIAL NURSING ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Report of the Colonial Nursing Association, always interesting, is especially so this year. It was, of course, to be expected that the war would affect the applications for Colonial work, and we read that this has added greatly to the ordinary difficulties of selection and filling Colonial posts. The nurses employed have been 323. Of these 77 have been working as private nurses, 19 in hospitals not under Government, 19 under the Government of Western Australia, and 208 in Government Service in the Crown Colonies.

Of the new developments the King Edward VII Order of Nurses in Cape Colony has proved very successful. The following is an extract from a South African paper of recent date:—"The Council always try to appoint nurses who are

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