

### "MISS NURSE."

"Miss Nurse" was a special title of deference and a tribute to the astuteness of the Staff of the Jewish Ward. "Miss Nurse" could not be hoodwinked. Moses' childlike asseverations that "noting by my blessed life" was concealed beneath his pillow did not prevent "Miss Nurse" ruthlessly withdrawing therefrom a parcel of fried fish. No amount of assurance would persuade "Miss Nurse" that Moses' continuous stream of relations and friends had all come on important "buishness." She stood immovable at the door on visiting day, and despite of oaths by their "blessed life" that they had brought "noting, noting," confiscated contraband goods with an intuition sharpened by much practice. She had also an uncomfortable way of picking up a word or two of Yiddish at inconvenient moments. Certainly "Miss Nurse" was respected, and she was also loved. On the Sabbath at sunset did she not adorn the table with a white cloth and fresh flowers? Did she not light the candles? But certainly! She also forbore on those occasions to ask Moses to put on the coals, or to help with the supper things. She was very comforting when the pain was bad, and one had to cry "Aie! Aie! Aie!" at the top of one's voice.

But even when the most endearing cat is away the mice *will* play. "Miss Nurse" went for her holiday. On the day of her departure Moses was observed to write on six postcards, which, though in Yiddish, had evidently the same message on each. "Miss Nurse," however, had left a worthy substitute, and she got these same postcards translated. They ran as follows:—"The 'Miss Nurse' has gone for her holiday. Come as many as you like, and bring what you like." On the following visiting day nothing unusual happened, and Moses' air of bewilderment and anxiety was a study. "Miss Nurse" on her return said more in sorrow than anger: "Moses, what for did you write those postcards when my back was turned?" Astonishment prevented an answer, and in silence Moses watched her leave the ward. He then gave vent to the opinion, that was endorsed by his fellow-sufferers, "The 'Miss Nurse,' she know everything."

Owing to engagements, prior to her departure for La Panne, Miss Violetta Thurstan was unable to visit Glasgow on Thursday, much to the disappointment of the Scottish Nurses' Association. Miss Rimmer attended and represented the National Union of Trained Nurses.

### PRESENTATION.

On resigning her position as Matron of the Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, which she has held for the past 11½ years, Miss Mary Steuart Donaldson was the recipient of some beautiful presents, and many good wishes for her future. At a meeting of the Committee many kind things were said recognising her work during this long period, and great appreciation was expressed for all she had done. "We realise to the full," said the chairman, "the success which has attended your labours, no small part of which has been the training and equipping so many young nurses with the necessary tone, character and knowledge which is so essential to them in their profession." On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman (Mr. C. Johnston), presented Miss Donaldson with a substantial cheque, "as a mark of their unanimous appreciation." They also told her of their intention to send after her a memento of their pleasant association with her in the work of the hospital for so many years. Among other gifts was a gold and pearl brooch and a magnificent leather suit case from the nursing and domestic staff "in grateful and loving memory of all that you have done so unselfishly on our behalf; our only gratitude can be to try and uphold the splendid standard of devotion to duty, and loyalty which you have held before us for so long, and to preserve the splendid traditions of nursing that are now the heritage of all who go for preliminary training to Mount Vernon Hospital." A number of "old" nurses joined with those who are still in training in expressing their gratitude for Miss Donaldson's unceasing efforts on their behalf.

Miss Donaldson, who is a member of the Matrons' Council, hopes to take up work again, after a brief rest.

### THE "STUDINGTON" COAT.

Most people are economising at the present time, both from necessity and as a matter of patriotism; but one of the things which is important to health is a warm coat in which to meet the inclemencies of the winter season; and those who are just now thinking of making this wise investment should not fail to visit the establishment of Messrs. Studd & Millington, civil and military tailors, 51, Conduit Street, Bond Street, W., and 67-69, Chancery Lane, W.C., who are showing a large stock of well-cut coats for the present season, made in their noted "Wetoga" cloth, from 3½ guineas, which—besides being warm and of good style—are absolutely weatherproof. The firm hold a large stock of tweeds, friezes and other materials, from which a selection can be made. For travelling and motoring, as well as for daily wear, nothing could be better than one of these coats.

The Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses are advertising the post of Secretary and Director of Examinations. Candidates must be well-educated gentlewomen. The salary is £150.

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