

"Our latest Ally" was proposed by Mrs. Parker, sister of the late Lord Kitchener; and responded to by Captain Rogers, A.L.O. (America).

A very distinguished company of medical and nursing representatives were present, including Miss Mary Henderson, an organizer of the Scottish Women's Hospitals, who has just returned from Russia; and Miss Grace Ellison, the founder of the French Flag Nursing Corps, who has just returned from France. Owing to their absence on duty at the Front, Mrs. Creagh, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief, South African Nursing Service; and Miss E. V. Hasson—Matron-in-Chief of the Nursing Units of the United States Army—were unable to be present, much to the regret of their colleagues.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick deeply regretted her unavoidable absence upon so memorable an occasion.

A TRUE TALE WITH A MORAL.

Mrs. Jones was to bury her "old man" that afternoon.

She was a weary ill-fed woman, who now the crowning desolation of her life had come, was unable to express any more emotion than on any ordinary day.

But she was going to show her "old man" all the "respeck" possible, of that she was determined. Her old man had done without any human respect all his life, perhaps he had not greatly deserved it, but now she was going to make up for it all.

That blessed insurance money! Was not this the hour for which she had toiled to spare the "tuppence" premium week by week?

Her tired spent brain went over the details of her old man's coming honours.

A lovely coffin, a 'earse with two 'orses, two carriages (one would look so mean, and besides Liza's kiddies would like the ride to see their grandpa buried), and a most 'ausome wreath with a card attached offering herself the "deepest sympathy."

Her mourning was a matter of melancholy satisfaction, no expense spared in the length of the veil, or in the heavy mass of crêpe which would surmount her hungry-looking face. Liza and the kiddies would also be crêped. But there was a fly in her ointment. Something was lacking and not a penny of the insurance money was left. She was considering the problem when kind little nurse knocked at her door. She was of course invited to inspect all the funeral glories including "my old man." But nurse saw something beyond all this. She saw the bare poverty of the home, and felt the desolation which poor Mrs. Jones could not express.

She said gently, she meant to be quite severe—

"I don't approve of your spending so much money, you know; and I don't believe you have

kept anything for a little bit of supper to-night when you return."

Silence from Mrs. Jones.

"Well, then, here is a shilling, and mind you get something nice; it will cheer you up."

"I am sure you are kind, miss—nurse, I mean; and I am sure I am grateful to you, but if you wouldn't mind, I 'ud like—I mean as if you wouldn't be offended—and you so kind and all—if I *might* buy a black bordered 'ankercher instead."

THE ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.

The Royal Sanitary Institute, announces new courses of Training—(1) for Sanitary Officers, beginning Monday, September 24th at 6 p.m. (fee for complete course, £3 3s.); (2) for Women Health Visitors, Tuberculosis Visitors, School Nurses, and School Teachers, beginning on Monday, October 8th, at 6 p.m. (fee £1 11s. 6d.); (3) for Maternity and Child Welfare Workers, beginning on Monday, October 1st, at 6 p.m. (fee £1 11s. 6d.), or for two courses if taken together, £2 12s. 6d.).

The two last are of special interest to nurses, as candidates who desire to enter for the Health Visitors' Examination must produce evidence of Nursing Training, and the Course for Maternity and Child Welfare Workers is supplemental to this.

The training not only includes lectures and instruction at Infant Consultations, but practical demonstrations in the Museum of Sanitary Appliances, visits to Public Works, and other places of a Sanitary interest, and the use of the reference library and reading room. Special arrangements are also made by which students can obtain the loan of books for home reading. The lectures are followed by the Standard Examinations of the Institute which are recognized in all parts of the Empire.

Students in Course 2 will have the privilege of attending a Course of six Infant Consultations under the direction of Dr. Eric C. Pritchard and other special inspections and demonstrations.

For all the Examinations of the Institute a practical experience of the subjects set out in the syllabus is required in order to pass, and students should take every opportunity for obtaining this knowledge.

Nursing includes and will increasingly include preventive as well as remedial work, and the knowledge gained at the above courses of lectures, and the certificates obtainable at their conclusion would be a valuable asset to any nurse in her professional work, as the latter qualify their possessor for important public appointments.

Further information may be obtained from the Director and Secretary, E. White Wallis, Esq., F.S.S., the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.

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