

declared to be "too free and easy in her manners with the male patients"; another is "given to flirting"; the "prepossessing appearance" of a third is commented on, and contrasted with her carelessness and incapacity; while a fourth is accused of superfluous rudeness, ingratitude, and so on. Now whatever is written in this book stands as a record against these poor ladies for ever; therefore, it is a cruel injustice that they should remain ignorant of these accusations, and be allowed no opportunity of refuting them." Mr. Wilkins' remarks on the "snug berth" of the Matron, her extraordinary salary and holidays, are well worth reading. But the moral of his article is that the educated public is beginning to look into the Nursing scandals at the London Hospital, and that means—the beginning of their end.

ALL Nurses should buy the *English Illustrated Magazine* for March. It opens with one of the most remarkable articles I have ever read. It treats of Hospital Nursing, and is by Mrs. Hunter—the same lady, I presume, who has proved herself so true and wise a champion of Nurses. It shows so wonderful a grasp and knowledge, however, of Nursing matters, that it will be difficult for some to believe that it has been written by a lady who has, it is generally understood, never worked in a Hospital. But I had the pleasure once of hearing Mrs. Robert Hunter speak, and a more lucid pointed speech from the professional point of view I have never heard. The article is illustrated by Mr. Harry Furniss, the well-known artist in *Punch*, and must be read to be appreciated as it deserves.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN was present at the annual meeting of the East London Nursing Society, of which her Royal Highness is President, at Lother Lodge, Kensington Gore. Viscount Cranbrook presided, in the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Wharcliffe, and bestowed unstinted praise on the work of the organisation, which supplies the sick poor at the East End with Trained Nurses in their own homes. In commending this Charity his lordship strongly deprecated the tendency to ignore small but useful societies in favour of "schemes which appeal to the imagination," and which would in the long run not prove perhaps so beneficial. Forcible testimony to the utility of the movement was also borne by the Bishop of Bedford, Dr. Bedford Fenwick, the Hon. and Rev. Algernon Lawley, the Hon. Mrs. J. Stuart-Wortley, and Mr. F. D. Mocatta.

ON the evening of March 5 the large concert hall of the "Philharmonic" in Berlin presented a

curious spectacle. Six hundred young men from all parts of Prussia, members of the Society for Volunteer Nursing of the Sick and Wounded in War, stood up to show what they had learnt in the healing art, their examiners being thirty-nine Surgeons, among whom were Bardeleben, Von Bergmann, Lenthold, and other distinguished men. The Society, which has branches in almost every university town in Prussia, recruits its members chiefly from among the students, though artisans, merchants, teachers, and even clergymen are to be found in its numbers. Sixteen towns had sent deputations to the "demonstrations." The proceedings, which were honoured by the presence of the Empress, began with a sort of review. Double columns were formed, and the Empress, accompanied by a brilliant staff, passed along the ranks. The leaders of the different deputations were honoured by an introduction, the Empress speaking a few words to each one separately. Then began the examination, which was conducted partly by questions and answers, and partly by actual ambulance work, performed on the persons of forty "supers" especially engaged to play the part of wounded soldiers. These unfortunate victims, though to all appearances enjoying the most robust health, had to submit to have their clothes ripped open mercilessly, that their wounds might be laid bare to be examined, bound up, ligatured, bandaged, &c., in the most approved fashion. The amateur surgeons' assistants acquitted themselves most creditably, and their proficiency was recognised in a speech by the Prussian Minister of War, Herr von Kaltenborn Stachan, who said that the heads of the army were fully aware of the good work that is being done by the Society, and that should occasion arise, the help of the Society would be considered as of the greatest importance.

It will be remembered that a few months ago Miss Pringle, the much-respected Matron to St. Thomas's Hospital, joined the Church of Rome, and as might have been expected from a woman of consistent good taste, sent in her resignation at once, so that no friction might take place in the Institution, and also that she might work in a more congenial sphere amongst those professing the faith to which she had become a convert.

THERE are rumours from a large Hospital in the Eastern Counties that trouble is anticipated, the Matron having gone over to Rome, but declining to give up the Protestant loaves and fishes.

New definitions of what constitutes gentility are continually appearing in social life. Once upon

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