

It is not often that Nurses figure in the Courts, but Mrs. Ann Weeks, a Nurse, of 78, Lenthal Road, Dalston, sued a Mr. George Smith, of the Mansion, Wood Green, N., for damages for false imprisonment and malicious prosecution. The lady was given in charge after leaving her employer, for stealing a clock, a writing-case, a brooch, and some diamonds. She was committed for trial at the Middlesex Sessions, but the jury there stopped the case and acquitted her, whilst the later jury have awarded her £120.

I SHOULD have mentioned before, if I had only had the space at my disposal, the very excellent Ninth Annual Report of that very admirable little Society, the Sick Nursing and Mothers' Help Association, of Stalybridge, which continues (for I have referred to its useful work on a previous occasion) to maintain its credit for accomplishing a great deal of good and useful work for comparatively a very little money. I don't know of any society of its kind where so much energy is displayed by the committee (all ladies—all honour to them!) as is by that of this society I speak of. Here is an institution, almost unheard-of outside its own sphere of work, which employs and pays three hard-working Nurses (Twamley, Farrand, and Jones), and does no end of good work without the slightest fuss, on £166 12s. 0½d.—the amount of last year's expenditure; recovers through its energetic collectors, without a whisper, a sum of forty pounds, caused by the deaths and removals of subscribers; and has in its money-box no less than £5 16s. 0½d. to commence the fresh year with. If this is not the *par excellence* of satisfactory management, then I don't know what is; and all my groans and growls and grumbles—and there have been a tidy few of them through these columns the last few years—at the iniquities of inefficient and self-advertising associations, availeth me nothing. To Mrs. J. F. Knott, and all concerned, every credit is due for the admirable example the Sick Nursing and Mothers' Help Society of Stalybridge sets.

I WAS not able, for want of space, to mention last week that a very interesting ceremony took place on the 6th instant, on the occasion of the opening of the Richmond House Convalescent Home, under the able honorary superintendence of Mrs. St. A. Horton, who was assisted by the honorary Sub-Matron (Miss Bothamley) and qualified Nurses, and whose programme, as follows, is breadth itself:—(1) To ensure for the sick, medical treatment, careful nursing, medicines, stimulants (as ordered), and to provide for all inmates liberal diet, home comforts, and cheerful surroundings.

(2) To establish and maintain separate and special Wards for consumptive patients, who shall be received even in the last stages of this dire complaint. (3) To give to the lonely, the sad, and the suffering that personal interest and that watchful sympathy which so frequently prove to be the best of medicines. (4) To endeavour to do good to souls as well as to bodies. At the same time to carry on the work of the Institution upon strictly liberal and unsectarian principles—*i.e.*, to respect all beliefs, and to ensure for each patient full religious liberty. It would be ungrateful for anybody not to wish such an enterprise every prosperity.

DR. GRIFFITH, of the Zenana Medical College, 58, St. George's Road, S.W., asks me to announce that he is (in connection with the Hospital for Women and Children) forming a class for dispensing and midwifery for men who are preparing to be medical missionaries, but who cannot afford the fees, and that already two gentlemen have availed themselves of the instruction. Stamped directed envelope should be sent with any query made to Dr. Griffith on the subject.

Also that the Committee of the College have resolved after the recent census of India to extend the work in a manner they have not before by appointing an organising or travelling Secretary.  
S. G.

### A PURE SPRING WATER SUPPLY FOR LONDON.

THE enormous difficulty and great anxiety hitherto experienced in respect to the growing needs of an immense and increasing population, when it becomes more difficult every day to compete with the demands of this huge Metropolis in respect to its proper and efficient supply of pure water, appear to have been met and overcome by Mr. George Webster, of Harefield Grove, Middlesex, who for some years past has directed his attention to this most important subject. Mr. Webster, who is an extensive land-owner in the neighbourhood of the Colne Valley, has been occupied for a considerable time in boring and sinking operations on his estate, with the result that up to the present, out of five bore-holes—and there is every probability of a further development—he is in a position to supply the Metropolis with ten million gallons daily of a remarkably fine quality of brisk, sparkling, pure spring water, in each instance obtained direct from the chalk.

The purity of this water is guaranteed by the

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