

who desires to have it known that she will welcome any "Marylebone" nurse who is free and able to pay them a visit on that day. Marylebone Infirmary is a very fine institution, to which an excellent Training School is attached, and of which the Parish is exceedingly proud. We have no doubt many friends will be pleased to pay it a visit on the 29th, and note what wonderful improvements are taking place in our leading State hospitals. To appreciate them one must know something of Workhouse Infirmaries in the past.

The *Poor Law Officers' Journal* reports that at a recent meeting of the Bethnal Green Board of Guardians the Hospital Committee, reporting on the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, and appointment of Sister-Tutor, said: "We beg to advert to the Board's decision at its meeting on the 4th October last, to appoint a Sister-Tutor at the Hospital, in order that the Probationer Nurses may receive the prescribed training laid down in the Syllabus issued by the General Nursing Council. We now have to report that advertisements have failed to produce a candidate suitable for the appointment, and having made inquiries of King's College for Women, we find that there are no properly qualified persons at the present moment available. In the circumstances we have made arrangements for the Matron of the Hospital, Miss E. Dodds, to give the necessary lectures to the Probationers until such time as a suitable candidate is obtained, and we have desired the Dean of King's College for Women to register the Board's name, in order that one of the students at present undergoing the course may be sent to us for the appointment about June next. In the meantime we are of opinion that the Guardians should defray the expense of the technical books necessary in connection with the training of the Probationer Nurses, and we have, therefore, recommended the Finance and General Purposes Committee to approve of expenditure in this connection not exceeding seven guineas."

We are pleased to note matrons continuing to take some part in the teaching of the nurses. Sister-Tutors we must have, but it is good for "Matron" to continue active Chief of the nursing staff, and we should regret to see her altogether dissociated from teaching, and thus ceasing to exercise much of her personal influence with probationers.

Lady Reading, the wife of the Viceroy of India, has started a fund for the threefold purpose of raising additional income for the Lady Hardinge Medical College for Women, establishing a hospital for Indian women and children in the Hills, and creating an All-India Nursing Association for Indians on the lines of the Lady Minto Association, which caters for Europeans.

The Board of the Johannesburg Hospital has decided that members of the Nursing Staff are not to smoke in the institution except in their bedrooms. The reason for this decision is that the Matron reported that cigarette smoking had considerably increased among the nurses, and that there had been several minor accidents owing to carelessness on their part. She recommended that smoking be strictly confined to the bedrooms; that smoking in sitting-rooms, corridors, and public places should be forbidden; and that the expense of any damage to hospital property caused by smoking by the nurses should be borne by the offenders.

Smoking in bedrooms, and presumably in bed, appears to us even a more dangerous proceeding than smoking about the building.

"THE VIRGIN STILLS THE CRYING."

The Virgin stills the crying
Of Jesus, sleepless lying;
And singing for His pleasure
Thus calls upon her treasure:
"My darling, do not weep,
My Jesu, sleep!"

O lamb, my love inviting,
O Star, my soul delighting,
O Flower of mine own bearing,
O Jewel past comparing!
"My darling, do not weep,
My Jesu, sleep!"

My Child, of Might indwelling,
My Sweet, all sweets excelling,
O Bliss, the Fountain flowing,
The Dayspring, ever glowing,
"My darling, do not weep,
My Jesu, sleep!" *Barnby.*

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

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