

imposed by country magistrates for these unspeakable crimes. Something must be done to arouse public opinion on this matter, and we do hope nurses will write to magistrates and papers in their district whenever they are shocked by such horrors. We have in front of us cuttings which arouse a burning sense of indignation at the agony imposed by cruel wretches on defenceless animals—practically condoned by the Bench. Nothing but the "cat" will impress men capable of animal torture. Let them have it.

The London Temperance Hospital Nurses' League held a Sale of Work last Saturday, which was opened by Lady Strong, and resulted in a sum of £32 being raised. Of this £20 will go to the support of the bed maintained by the League in Persia; £5 to the Nurses' Missionary League; and £5 to the Universities Mission to Central Africa—a very satisfactory result of the afternoon's work.

A bequest of £500 was made to his nurse by Mr. W. Hale, of Westbourne Terrace, W., who left £33,126. He was Lady Worthington Evans' father.

We hear the Labour Party is very keen on Health Work, and is absorbing sound expert advice on the question. The Party is far from satisfied at the manner in which the Nurses' Registration Act is being administered, especially as to the rumours of the contemptuous treatment of independent nurses who have the courage of their opinions by the medical men on the Council.

The Higginbotham Sick Poor Nursing Association, 218, Bath Street, Glasgow, founded in 1875, is still doing much valuable work for the sick poor of Glasgow. During the past year 3,058 cases were nursed and 107,757 visits paid. The year's working, however, showed a deficiency of no less than £1,302, which had to be met from some exceptionally large legacies.

Sir Alexander Gracie, K.B.E., who presided, pleaded for more generous support, and said he would like to see the ordinary income large enough to meet the ordinary expenditure without encroaching on legacies. The Association, which was, he believed, the first of its kind in Glasgow, was one of the most useful charitable institutions in the city.

Under the auspices of the Health Visitors' Association and Scottish Nurses' Club, a lecture was given at the Club, 205, Bath

Street, Glasgow, on Friday, December 8th, at 7.30 p.m., by Dr. J. Ferguson Smith, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., on "Diseases of the Skin." A collection was taken at the close of the meeting.

Miss Sarah Graham, certificated nurse from the Post-Graduate Hospital, New York, has presented the whole series of bound volumes of the *American Journal of Nursing* to the Ecole Florence Nightingale at Bordeaux. This is a splendid gift to the Nurses' Library, for which every graduate and pupil should be eternally grateful.

The Minister of Hygiene has bestowed twelve thousand five hundred francs for scholarships, to subsidise the Nursing School, through the Directrice, Dr. Anna Hamilton. Congratulations.

A number of resignations by nurses and maids has taken place at the East Ham Isolation Hospital.

Others have been discharged after many years' service, and the situation is so serious that it was the subject of a debate by the East Ham Town Council on Tuesday.

The "revolt," as it is described, is said to be due to the reorganisation carried out by Miss Kate Boyes, who was appointed Matron in September.

At the Council meeting on Tuesday, Councillor Lethaby moved for the appointment of a committee of investigation to go into the charges which have been made against the Matron. The motion, however, was lost.

Some of those who have resigned as a protest against the stricter discipline which the Matron is said to have introduced have nearly twenty years' service at the hospital.

Five probationer nurses recently went away at night without warning, leaving their luggage behind.

THE "LANCET" GIVES SOUND ADVICE.

In referring to the Election of direct representatives on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, the *Lancet* concludes its remarks with the following sound advice:—

"In electing the new Council, nurses will do well to remember that they are not electing representatives of one association or another, and should cast their votes for those women best calculated to serve the interests of the trained nurses of the sick, regardless of their politics."

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