

lepers therein confined, while improved in their own condition, will no longer be a source of fearful danger to the healthy. The time has gone by when lepers were hanged by the neck or buried alive if they attempted to escape from a leper asylum—as was the law in Scotland some centuries ago—but it is not to be forgotten that it is to such segregation, harshly applied as it was, in accordance with the spirit of the times, that Great Britain owes its present immunity from this fearful scourge; and the sympathy of the public at home may well be given to those who are now in our own Colonies and possessions trying, by firm, though gentle, means to stamp it out."

I LEARN that Mrs. Dan Norris is likely to take a villa in October next—probably at San Remo, Riviera—where she will receive patients who are ordered to winter abroad, &c. Mrs. Norris, whose successful book, "Norris's Nursing Notes," which forms one of the *Nursing Record* series, and experience at Paddington Hospital, in the Soudan, and elsewhere, particularly qualifies her for the work, in which I am sure every one of her friends will wish her most hearty success. Mrs. D. Norris's London address is 2, Dennington Park Mansions, West Hampstead, N.W., where early applications should be made to her by letter.

THE reception held at the offices of the National Health Society, 53, Berners Street, for the Members of the Congress of Hygiene and Demography was quite a success. The visitors were received by Miss Lankester, Secretary of the Society and there was also an exhibition of Nursing appliances and other objects of interest (shown and explained by two of the Society's lady Nurses in costume). Amongst many other clever contrivances for alleviating the pains of the sick and suffering, was the "Excelsior" bed-lift—a most ingenious invention, which would be invaluable to the comfort of Nurses and patients in cases of weakness and helplessness. Besides Members of the Committee of the Society, there were present several distinguished foreigners, and many others who were deeply interested in the great and important work that is being carried on by this ever-growing and increasing Society.

THE *Daily Graphic* recently had some sketches, and very interesting descriptive matter, concerning the London Hospital Ships. The artist has been

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very successful in his work, excepting where he has endeavoured to sketch two Nurses. The Nurse depicted in a Small-pox Ward in the "Castalia" is something to ponder over.

I MUST call my lady readers' attention to the New Terrycombe ladies' towels, made by Messrs. C. E. Lambert and Son, of 60, Queen's Road, Dalston, N.E. These towels are washable, being manufactured from the best Terry cotton yarns, free from any deleterious matter, and are therefore absorbent, antiseptic, and durable; in fact, I should think would last for years. From their softness and the simplicity of their construction, they appear to be the most comfortable and economical article yet introduced. They are also invaluable for use during accouchement. I should advise all ladies to at once send for a sample towel for trial, which will be sent, post free, for sevenpence; or a set of half-a-dozen, complete in box, for two shillings and sixpence. A very neat and durable waistband is also made by this firm, which is also deserving of mention; the price is one shilling and three-halfpence, post free.

THE successful candidate in the twenty-fifth Post-card Examination has been declared to be Nurse Edith Knollys, the fac-simile of whose post-card is given in this issue. The subject was a popular one, viz., "What is the meaning of the word Disinfection?" and brought forth a large number of really useful and intelligent replies. The subject set for the next examination should prove equally popular.

I HAVE much pleasure in announcing that Miss Mason, of the George Ward, St. Thomas's Hospital, London, has been elected Matron of the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, in room of Miss Lucas, resigned. This lady has my best wishes for success. S. G.

On account of unusual pressure upon our space, "Obstetric Nursing" and "Answers to Correspondents" are unavoidably held over.

THE good Sister of a Cottage Hospital, thinking she would give some of her patients a treat, recently purchased a very nice melon. Her astonishment may be imagined when, a few hours later, it was served up at table with "melted butter."

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