

under fire many soldiers, and was near being shot at St. Denis by the French as a spy. The trial was by a drum-head court-martial, which sentenced her to be shot. On being taken to be executed she refused to let her eyes be bandaged, and asked as a last privilege to be allowed to give the word to fire. An officer admiring her pluck saved her. She was in the fights at Nanterre, Le Bourget, Bry-sur-Marne, and Villiers, and always kept in the van. She attended at one of these places to twenty-five wounded men, and lost her right arm at Champigny while she was carrying a soldier to an ambulance. This did not disable her from work. Her record is one of the most splendid that man or woman could wish for. Though so badly wounded she was up and about and helpful at Groslay, Drancy, and in the sortie of Buzenval. One of her feats was saving a child from the sixth floor of a house which took fire in the Rue Saint-Honoré. She spent £800 in the terrible winter of the war in procuring comforts for the wounded whom she nursed in ambulances.

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A FEW days ago this heroine was authorised to *sell matches in the streets of Paris*, on the ground that she lost her arm by a gunshot in 1870. Her licence also states that she was decorated with the military medal and eight medals for saving life by her intrepidity and heroism. She has been earning a living by "knocking up" market people in the small hours of the morning, being paid a small fee by each! What is the cash value of the patriotism of which the French nation makes such loud and constant boast?

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ON Monday, October 5th, Jeannette Ferrier, a Nurse, and at one time Matron of the Hospital for Women and Children, Waterloo Road, was found at 11.30 p.m. in a dying condition in a garden at East Greenwich. She was taken to the Infirmary, and died an hour later. At the post-mortem examination *there was no food found in the body*. She had had nothing to eat for at least eighteen hours. There was enough disease of the heart to cause death in the event of any excitement, or exhaustion from want of food. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence—"Death from valvular disease, accelerated by exhaustion." Why not call it starvation?

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At the quarterly meeting of the Governors of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, the report was read by Mr. Collins, the Secretary, and the Board of Management are highly to be commended for the suggested reforms in the Nursing Department, which they recommended to the Governors of the Charity:—

The Board of Management, in compliance with instructions given by the annual General Board, have appointed a special committee to consider and report upon the Nursing service at the Hospital, and have received their report with various suggestions for the improvement of the system. The recommendations of the Committee have been discussed and approved by the Board, and are referred back to the Committee to report further as to the best means of giving effect to them, and the cost that would be incurred in making the necessary arrangements for that purpose. The Board therefore contents itself with reporting the recommendations of the Committee without asking the Governors at this time to sanction the adoption of them. They are as follow:—

(1) That Probationers be relieved of much of their scullery work, and allowed from the first to assist in the Ward to which they are attached, and occasionally in the Casualty Department, in the way of Nursing and surgical dressing, under proper superintendence.

(2) That Probationers be not entrusted with night duty until after six months' training.

(3) That each Night Nurse have charge of one Ward only, and not of two, as at present; and that she be relieved of attendance at the patients' dinner hour.

(4) That a system of night superintendence should be instituted.

(5) That the Wardmaids be required to relieve Probationers and Nurses of much of the scullery work now done by them.

(6) That Nurses shall not, as a rule, be required to undertake Private Nursing during their period of training.

(7) That Probationers and Assistant Nurses be instructed in their duties by the Lady Superintendent (see Law 89), and by the Head Nurses, with special reference to the lectures given by the Medical Staff.

(8) That Day Nurses be not called upon for night work after day duty, except in cases of special emergency, and that no Nurse commence her Ward work before breakfasting.

(9) That Certificated Nurses, only, be appointed Sisters or Head Nurses.

Notice was given at the last General Board of certain modifications of existing laws which would be required in order to establish the Nursing Committee upon a permanent basis, and endow it with the requisite authority. As, however, it was impossible at the time to state the precise nature of these alterations, the Board of Management propose now to give notice of the terms of the amended laws, and to move the adoption of them at the next General Meeting.

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THE Secretary of the "Metropolitan Hospital" asks us to note that this is now its title. We recently called it the Metropolitan *Free* Hospital, which used to be its name, and regret to learn that this distinctive adjective is no longer applicable to the Institution.

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I HEAR that a Convalescent Home for Children has been opened at Tynemouth. It has ten beds, and will be superintended by a Trained Nurse. The Home is to be maintained for three years, by a generous lady, resident in the town, and is chiefly intended for the reception of surgical

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