

the Dowager Lady SANDHURST. She was a great advocate, amongst other reforms, for women guardians to our Workhouses, and would, doubtless, had she lived, have supported the growing feeling that women of experience should sit upon the House Committees of our Hospitals.

THE trained male Nurses, following the example of the fair sex, have combined, and have formed themselves into the Male Nurses Mutual Benefit Association, at 20, Westmoreland Street, Cavendish Square. "The object of this Association is to save the exorbitant commissions charged by the existing institutions," and Hospital trained Male Nurses for mental, medical, surgical, and dipsomania cases, can be obtained by application to the above address.

OWING to a printer's error, the name of "London's new actor" should have been "Mr. WILL DENNIS," not "Mr. WILL," as it appeared in our last issue. I am glad to read the high opinion formed of the acting of this young gentleman by the *Queen's* critic, as I feel sure he has great dramatic talent, which will not long remain unrecognised.

AMONG all the prescriptions which are being

volunteered for the prevention of the influenza, we doubt whether any is so much to the point as this: "Keep a good heart and a cool head, and observe strictly the laws of health." The oriental legend about the cholera is worth recalling in this connection --

"A Dervish travelling over the desert met the Cholera, to whom he said, 'Where are you going?' The Cholera replied, 'I'm going to Bagdad to kill twenty thousand.' Some time afterwards the same Dervish met the Cholera returning, and said, 'You vagabond, you killed ninety thousand.' 'No, no,' said the Cholera, 'I killed twenty thousand; fear killed the rest.'"

It would be interesting to know how many of the influenza's victims are really attributable to fear. Almost as many, we daresay, as are attributable to the opposite fault—want of due precaution.

It is perhaps not known that the Probationers at the London Hospital only get fifteen days' complete holiday out of two years' service, the rule being one week's leave after each six months' work; but the unfortunate Nurse goes on duty from seven to ten the day she leaves (say Tuesday) and must be back at the Hospital by ten p.m. on the following Monday, so that, taking journeys into consideration, she has *five days' complete rest*—a humane arrangement indeed, for guardians of public charity to authorise and uphold.

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