

that the constant praying aloud, counting of beads, and singing give these pilgrim trains a very curious aspect. They are called *trains de plaisir*, but their general aspect is very different from the ordinary excursion trains, in which the French indulge in exuberant laughter and banter.

I AM glad to see a tiny notice in the *Woman's Herald* re the great Nursing controversy. I have remarked, with surprise, that this so-called *Liberal Paper for Women* has, of late, studiously avoided any notice of Nursing politics—one of the greatest *women* questions of the day. The *Morning Leader* has, however, inspired a "par." "Nurse Sweating" has for two years been very much *en évidence* in the general press, and one cannot but deplore the fact, that the women's papers have shown themselves either singularly ignorant or totally callous concerning the terribly unjust conditions under which Nurses labour as a class. There are 20,000 women, at least, in the ranks of trained Nursing. Why should they not be inspired by gratitude to swell the ranks demanding the enfranchisement of their sex? But so long as political women only talk, and take no real interest in the different branches of women's labour, so long will the majority of women hold aloof, and fail to press their claims for Women's Suffrage.

At a meeting of the Brechin branch of the Queen's Jubilee Association on the 10th instant, a letter was read from Mr. Robert DUKE, of Bares Hill, offering a donation of £500 to the funds of the branch from his sister, Mrs. DUKE, of Eshpark, and a similar donation from himself.

THE *Lancet* says:—

The Queen has been pleased to approve the appointments, amongst others, of Professor William Henry Flower, C.B., F.R.S., F.R.C.S. Eng., &c., Director of the Natural History Museum, to a Knight Commandership of the Civil Division of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath; and of Richard Thorne Thorne, Esq., F.R.S., M.B. Lond., F.R.C.P. Lond., &c., Medical Officer of H.M. Local Government Board, to a Companionship of the same Order. This is the first occasion on which the Medical Officer of the Local Government Board has had any honour conferred on him during his tenure of office, although Sir John Simon was made a C.B. and Sir George Buchanan was knighted on the occasion of their respective retirements. In the present case the department of public health, as well as Dr. Thorne Thorne personally, receives recognition. Doubtless the honour bestowed upon Dr. Thorne is also in some measure due to the conspicuous value of his services as British delegate at the recent sitting in connection with the Venice International Sanitary conference at Paris, when the previous results of the Conference underwent very considerable and highly necessary modifications. We heartily congratulate Sir William Flower and Dr. Thorne Thorne on the well-merited honours which Her Majesty has been pleased to confer on them."

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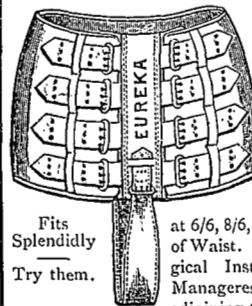
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