

Miss BRODRICK, the Nurse, is now in her third year of service, and her services are much appreciated. During the past year, she has ministered to 262 patients and paid 3,006 visits.

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A LADY, wishing to endow a bed in memory of her father and mother, has presented to Mr. SALMOND, the Secretary of the British Home for Incurables, a cheque for £1,000 in aid of the building fund of the new Home at Streatham, the foundation-stone of which was laid by Princess CHRISTIAN on the 16th of July, on which occasion a cheque for a similar sum and object was handed to her Royal Highness on behalf of "Two Sisters."

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OWING to the epidemic of scarlet fever, the Hospitals under the direction of the Metropolitan Asylums Board are quite full, and cholera cannot be accommodated in these institutions. Arrangements are therefore being made, as in 1885, with the authorities of the General Hospitals, Poor Law Infirmaries, and Sick Asylums, to provide beds for cholera patients, should occasion arise. The treatment and nursing of these patients will be left entirely in the hands of these authorities, while the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum's Board will undertake the removal or admission of patients, and defray all the cost.

THE *Lancet*, although by no means an alarmist, makes the following wise suggestion:—

"There can be no doubt that, whether we in England do or do not escape from a visitation of cholera during the present epidemic, we must leave nothing undone to ensure our being ready to meet and to deal with the disease should it invade our shores. Of hospital accommodation, so far, at all events, as the London district is concerned, we shall probably have enough for the pressing needs of the population which would quickly follow upon an outbreak of cholera in the metropolis. However, it is not improbable that unless we at once set to work to prevent such an event, we may suddenly find ourselves with cholera in our midst and a pressing want of Nurses properly trained to meet the emergency. Were this to happen, we should have ourselves to blame, for both the Nurses and the Teachers required to train them are to be had in sufficient numbers if only pressure is applied in the right way and in the right quarters. It does not appear reasonable to pause in a time of danger, to consider seriously whether cholera spreads by means of human intercourse. It is practically admitted on all hands that it is chiefly by this means that cholera is now spreading over Europe and Asia. Without, however, going into matters controversial in nature, we desire to point out the urgent need there is for the prompt and thorough training of Nurses in sufficient numbers to meet any emergency which might be caused by a sudden outburst of this plague in England. It is not necessary for us to point out that it is in dealing with sporadic cases of cholera that the greatest care is required; and it is not unreasonable to teach that by proper attention to the first victims of the disease an outbreak of it in epidemic form might be altogether prevented. It is absolutely certain that efficient medical men and trained Nurses are both necessary for this purpose. We are strongly of opinion

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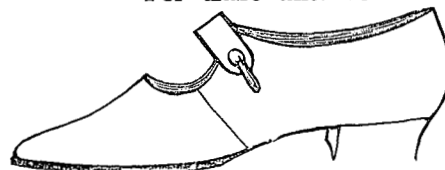
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