

Ultimately all Members will be required to pass a good examination, scientific and practical. In view of this requirement our Probationers at the various Hospitals ought to have opportunities of special scientific instruction, and it cannot be other than satisfactory to us—as it is highly creditable to Members of the Honorary Professional Staff of the York Hospital—that such classes for Nurses have already been instituted by them.”

WHAT do my readers think of the following, culled from the *Daily Telegraph* recently? “Things are getting a little mixed,” as Artemus Ward was so fond of observing, and certainly our contemporary’s suggestions for proving the gratitude of the public to the Nursing sisterhood will require some slight modifications before they could be sanctioned by most Hospital authorities:—“A generous man has started the excellent idea of ‘treating’ London Nurses as a small return for the kindness they show us when ill. This kind of treating is not forbidden by the sternest election Puritan, and it can be carried out at little expense. Each Nurse in our Hospitals has two or three hours in the middle of the day. London is big, and the time does not allow of a walk to the country and back. So it is too often spent on hot flags and mid the fogs of the City. But if some athletic young men, emulating Jacob Faithful and Tom Tug, were, as Byron puts it in ‘Childe Harold,’ to ‘row the ribbon’d fair’ for an hour or two up to Putney or down to Rotherhithe, the young women would return refreshed to their arduous toil. Or, why should not the owners of victorias or private hansoms give them a ride to green fields and back? In default of such personal chivalry, a fund might be raised for chartering boats and cabs, or paying for trips by rail, ‘bus, or tram.”

THE desire for instruction in Home Nursing is evidently very widespread at present. The papers contain graphic accounts of a lecture given by Miss Homersham at St. James’s Square. Miss Cunningham is exciting much interest by a course which she is delivering at Reading. Miss Helen Foggo-Thomson, I hear, is drawing crowded audiences to her demonstrations in practical Nursing in West-Country towns, and, judging from all accounts, is most popular with her pupils, while from Yorkshire I learn that a most interesting and highly instructive course of six lectures on Nursing has just been delivered in Leeds by Miss Alice Stone, of the Edinburgh School of Nursing and the Manchester Royal Infirmary. The large attendance at the lectures; the eagerness of the audience to avail themselves of the opportunity to practice the art of bandaging, which was afforded

at the conclusion of each lecture on the payment of a few pence; and the active desire shown to master the duties of sick room attendance, showed strongly that the need of this training is felt by women. The lectures were demonstrative and experimental throughout. Poultrices were actually made in the room, and the most approved method of applying them was explained. The making of a bed without removing the sick person was also illustrated, and the movements to be exercised on an apparently drowned individual, in order to restore by artificial means the suspended respiration, were shown by demonstration; and it is to be hoped that this work of spreading knowledge as to how sick people should be nursed by their friends in their homes will meet with the encouragement it deserves throughout the kingdom. S. G.

THIS WEEK'S VACANCIES.

ADDRESS.	SITUATION.	SALARY.	APPLICATION TO
Bolton Infirmary.	Sister (Female Wards).	£25.	Matron.
Bradford Infirmary.	Lady Superintendent.	£30.	Secretary.
Bristol Hospital for Sick Women and Children.	Night Superintendent; also, Trained Nurse.		Matron.
Bristol Royal Infirmary.	Charge Nurse, two Assistant Nurses, Probationer, and Certificated Masseuse.		Matron.
Carmarthenshire Infirmary.	Staff Nurse.	£20.	Matron.
Chelsea, 39, Royal Avenue.	Trained Nurses.		Miss Minks.
Devonport Royal Albert Hospital.	Certificated Nurses for Private Nursing.		Matron.
Edinburgh, St. Cathbert's Poorhouse.	Trained Nurses, Certificated Midwives.		Lady Superintendent.
Harrogate.	Trained Nurses, Certificated Masseuses.	To receive own earnings	Nurse Mosley, Edgerton Rd., Dronfield, near Sheffield.
Leicester.	Trained Nurses.		Miss Tanner, Nurses' Home, Aylestone Rd., S., The Lancel Office, 428 Strand, W.C.
Male Accident Hospital (eight beds).	Superintendent (trained).	£25.	Matron, Nurses' Home, 11, Ellison Place.
Newcastle-on-Tyne.	Trained Nurse.	£25.	Matron.
Newport and County Infirmary, Mon.	Charge Nurse (Surgical).	£25.	Matron.
Plymouth, South Devon Hospital.	Trained Nurses for Private Nursing.	£25, rising £30.	Matron.
Stockport Infirmary.	Trained Nurse (District).	£25.	Matron.
Wicksworth, Derby.	Trained Nurse and Midwife for Parish.	£52.	Parish Nurse.
Windsor Royal Infirmary	Trained Nurse.	£20 to £25.	Matron.

Books give new views of life, and teach us how to live. They soothe the grieved, the stubborn they chastise. Fools they admonish, and confirm the wise.—Crabbe.

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