

literally by hundreds, and from every part of the kingdom.

I HOPE to be in a position to announce the result of the awards of the sixteenth Prize Essay next week. Meanwhile I can only say that the duties of the judges become more and more difficult each month, with the increase of the number, as well as the still further improvement in the quality of the competitions.

I MUST congratulate Miss Jessie Pearson upon her success in obtaining the Matronship of the Nottingham Samaritan Hospital for Women. Miss Pearson has had eight years' experience in Hospital Nursing, two years of which were spent at the Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, Manchester; three years at the Westminster Hospital and Training School; and three years as Sister at King's College Hospital, during which period Miss Pearson had for twelve months charge of Dr. William Playfair's Wards for diseases of women; and more recently having been appointed Sister of one of the Male Galleries at the Brompton Hospital for Consumption. This lady brings a ripe and varied experience with her in her new appointment, which has been obtained in a close contest.

THE following I have had sent to me. It originally appeared in the *Glasgow Herald*, and is of interest:—

"SICK NURSING IN POORHOUSES.

"February 11, 1890.

"Sir,—A letter appears in your issue to-day pretending to deal with the question of sick nursing in poorhouses. The writer shows himself as ignorant of the subject as it is possible to conceive, and I have only to refer him to the letters that have already appeared and to your leading article on the subject for his information. There is one part of his letter, however, which requires further notice—namely, that relating to the class of females employed as Trained Sick Nurses. The class of Trained Nurses now in our poor-house Hospitals throughout the kingdom equals that of any General Hospital, and the Probationers being trained in these Hospitals are selected from the best classes of society, and their position socially, as well as otherwise, is of a high standing. With regard to their after employment there is no need to trouble, as Trained Nurses are greatly in demand and difficult to obtain, and would never think of leaving their profession for menial duties, as suggested by your correspondent.—I am, &c.,

ONE WHO KNOWS."

"ONE WHO KNOWS" is wrong, quite wrong, as oftentimes anonymous but well-meaning correspondents are. I grant that a great and still growing improvement has taken place—all credit to those who have been the means of its being carried out—in the nursing in the poor-house Hospitals of the United Kingdom; but to deliberately assert that the class of Trained Nurse equals (as a class) that of any General Hospital is sheer

empty nonsense. Both Miss Louisa Twining and Miss Catherine J. Wood, I feel sure, would support my contention against that of the authority above quoted.

I HAVE much pleasure in announcing that a course of four lectures, specially intended for ladies, on "Domestic Hygiene," will be given at the Parkes Museum, 74a, Margaret Street, W. (opposite the All Saints' Church), by A. T. Schofield, M.D., M.R.C.S., on the following days:—Feb. 24th, "The Training of Children"; March 1st, "Flesh and Blood"; March 3rd, "The Ethics of Life"; March 8th, "Nerves in Order and Disorder." For syllabus of the lectures see below. The lectures will commence at three p.m., and will be illustrated by diagrams, microscopic specimens, and illustrative dissections. Tea will be served after each lecture, when the lecturer will gladly answer any questions. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, patroness of the Institute, has graciously expressed her intention of being present at the lectures, and hopes to present the certificates at the close of the course. An examination will be held after the lectures, and certificates granted to successful candidates. The certificates will be presented at a special meeting to be arranged at the close of the course. The fee for the course, including examination, is 10s.; family ticket, to admit three, 25s.; single admission, 2s. 6d. Members of the Institute have personal admission to these lectures.

LECTURE I.—"On the Training of Children." Syllabus: An Unknown Subject—Its Scope and Bearings—Births—False Ideas of Freedom and Equality—Comparison of Heredity and Education—Marriage—Physical Laws of Heredity—Mental Laws of Heredity—The Fit and the Unfit—Principles of Passive Education—Happiness and Duty—Hints about Babies—Seen and Not Heard—Value of Physical Education—The Mother's Part—The Father's Part—Home Training in Childhood and in Youth—The Coming Race.

LECTURE II.—"On Flesh and Blood." Syllabus: What is Flesh—What is Blood—Red, White, Blue—Blue-Blooded—The Universal Provider—Arteries—Capillaries—Veins—The Seat of the Affections—Doors that won't Shut—Compensation—Varicose Veins—Blood Diseases—Inflammation—A Chill—Alcoholic Poisoning—Uric Acid Poisoning—Rheumatism—Rickets—Exercise—The London Shoulder—Practical Summary.

LECTURE III.—"The Ethics of Life." Syllabus:—What is Life—Its Five Essentials—Animal and Vegetable—The Miser and Spendthrift—Three

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