before she is paid the salary to which she is entitled at the end of her training, and which would even then leave the Hospital a large profit upon her work.

I HEAR, however, from various sources that many Nurses are only waiting to gain their certificates before joining one of the co-operative Nursing Homes now being started, in connection with which they are entitled to take the remuneration for which they have honestly worked (oh, rare privilege!) less a small commission to cover working expenses. So we may look forward to seeing a great decrease in the profits made by Nurse sweating by the Nurse Training Schools in the reports published in the year of grace 1892.

HER MAJESTY has been pleased to approve of the report of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for providing Trained Nurses for the sick poor in their own homes, showing what has been achieved during the year 1890. Eleven Nurses have been trained, and are now at work in Dublin, Haggerston, Chelsea, Kensington, Hammersmith, Bolton, and Little Haven, Pembrokeshire. Five Probationers are being trained, all of whom will be available for district work during the year. There are now on the roll ninety-four Nurses, many of whom have been engaged in their calling for a considerable time. Fifteen associations are affiliated, and the applications to join are constantly increasing.

THE Countess of Zetland, accompanied by the Countess of Lucan, visited St. Patrick's Nurses' Home last week, and was received by the Archbishop of Dublin, the doctors, and the committee of the home. Within the last twelve months St. Patrick's Home has been affiliated with Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, and is now one of the recognised centres for training Probationers, who will act when qualified as Nurses to the sick poor. Her Excellency made a minute inspection of the institution, and inquired into the working arrangements, receiving interesting information from Miss Watson, superintendent of the home, and Miss Dunne, Jubilee Institute superintendent.

THE following is a very important piece of news to all Hospital authorities :—The Matron of the Surrey County Hospital was proceeded against at the Guildford County Bench on Saturday for having sent infected clothes through the Parcel Post. A Nurse sent the clothing to the County

Hospital for disinfection, and the Matron repacked it and sent it by post to the Guildford Isolation Hospital. The bench ordered the Matron to pay the costs.

A COURSE of lectures on the Art of Nursing was lately commenced at the Royal Portsmouth Hospital, the first lecture being given by H. Rundle, Esq., F.R.C.S. Dr. Ward Cousins, in a few opening remarks, spoke of the efficiency of the Nursing Staff of the Hospital, and of the Matron, Miss Tillett, and alluded to the increased demand for the Nurses for private cases in the neighbourhood. The lecturer traced the art of Nursing from the early days of the Church, when it was carried on by deaconesses, and the middle ages, when Nursing was in the hands of the religious orders, to the present day, with its various training schools for Nurses, alluding specially to the good work done by Miss Florence Nightingale. A vote of thanks to the chairman and the lecturer, proposed by Admiral Sir H. Chads, was carried unanimously.

MISS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE has joined the honorary council of the forthcoming International Congress of Hygiene and Demography.

A LADY writes to the *Times*, signing herself "One Who has Suffered," suggesting that Trained Nurses ought to be forbidden to tell dreadful stories to their patients about former patients. To tell horrid stories is a most injurious custom, and much too common, but chiefly amongst untrained women who ape an experience which they have not gained.

THE EMPRESS OF GERMANY sent outfits for all the children born in the Lying-in Hospital, Berlin, on the same day as the youngest prince.

MRS. HAMMOND, widow of Lieutenant Hammond (late H.M. 66th Regiment), has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Mayo Zenana Hospital, Lahore. In addition to an extensive course of Medical training, the lady possesses an advantage over persons appointed direct from Europe by an intimate acquaintance with the native character and language, acquired by a long residence in the country.

THE name of Dr. Robert Reid Rentoul is becoming very widely known in connection with the Midwives' Registration Bill; and as I

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