

have not even given up *three months' time* to acquire the necessarily low standard of efficiency in midwifery required by the advocates of the Bill lately before Parliament to qualify themselves for registration—are to be privileged to call themselves by the distinguished title of "Nurse," is quite characteristic of those persons who are prepared to create a cheap and therefore a second-rate practitioner in midwifery for the poor. I hear that several ladies of title are backing this movement. Let the Chairman of the Select Committee ask them one question: The heir to a peerage is to be born—would you advise that the mother should be attended by a midwife *with three months' experience*, or by an eminent obstetric physician?

WHAT is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. Surely if our poor lying-in sisters are to be attended by ignorant Gamps, the State should ensure their protection by insisting upon a lengthened and efficient course of instruction being given to pupil midwives before they are qualified for registration.

DR. JAMES AVELING—a great advocate for Registration of Midwives—instanced several reasons for their State protection. Amongst other ingenuous remarks, he said, "Midwives were useful to medical men themselves in relieving them of tiresome and unremunerative work." Entrancing prospect for the Midwives!

HERE is an advertisement which has been in several papers during the last two or three weeks, and which throws considerable light on current ideas as to the wages due to women's work:—

WANTED, for the Hospital, LADY DISPENSER, thoroughly qualified. To assist in Nursing when required. Salary, £25 per annum; uniform found.

Now, to be a thoroughly qualified Dispenser requires a considerable training, and implies a large amount of toil, both mental and physical. But this twenty-five pound paragon must be more than a qualified Dispenser. She must be a lady—which also requires some training—and she must be ready to do an indefinite amount of nursing at need. And for all this she is to receive the handsome addition of a uniform to the already liberal salary of £25! This is a specimen of a hundred-and-one advertisements that stud our daily and weekly Press and witness to the force of the chivalric sentiment in heads of families and the committees of public institutions.

Palatable Fat is most conveniently taken and digested in the form of Loefflund's Malt and Cod Liver Oil. The latter is tasteless and exceedingly pleasant. By far the best flesh-former, and very suitable for children. Sold by Chemists or apply—Loefflund, 14, St. Mary Axe, E.C.

A NEW Children's Ward, containing eighteen cots, has been opened at the London Temperance Hospital.

DR. CLIBBORN has sent a report to the Local Government Board Inspector concerning the disastrous outbreak of puerperal fever in the Workhouse at Belfast. In it he writes:—

"From March 24th, 1892, to May 1st, 1892, there were eleven deaths among parturient women, occurring within ten days after birth of the child. Of these, eight were from puerperal fever, two from phthisis, and one from pleurisy. The first undoubted case of puerperal fever occurred on March 30th, and death ensued on the third or fourth day of illness. Dr. BRICE SMYTH, the Medical Officer in charge, at once removed all unconfined but pregnant women to another Ward. The other cases were also removed into a separate Ward, both Nurses and Resident Surgeon being changed. Every possible precaution in the way of disinfection was used; but, unfortunately, further cases occurred. These were removed to the Fever Hospital—the only available place—and the Children's Ward, a separate building, was cleared and set apart for confinement cases, Nurses and attendants being again changed. Everything seems to have been done that was possible to stamp out the disease. The probable cause of the outbreak is the fact that for want of adequate accommodation, confinement cases are treated on the same floor as ordinary medical cases, with only a wooden partition between. The average number of confinement cases annually is about three hundred. It would be well for the Guardians to consider the advisability of providing a separate building, containing, say, thirty beds, for confinement cases. Another point it would be well for the Guardians to consider would be the providing of a small Ward to which puerperal cases, if they should occur, could be transferred."

It is pleasant to hear at last of a Hospital in flourishing circumstances. At the forty-ninth annual meeting of the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, the Committee had the satisfaction of presenting a very encouraging report. It stated that a legacy of £6,738 from Mr. JAMES NASMYTH, and another of £1,000 from Miss L. A. WARRINGTON, had been received during the year, while the grants from the Hospital Sunday and Saturday Funds had greatly increased. Satisfaction was expressed that in the jubilee year of the Institution the finances were so satisfactory.

MISS E. J. CULLEY, for several years Superintendent of the Shaftesbury Girls' Home at Sudbury, has been appointed Matron of the first Home for Women established by the Women's Convalescent Home Association. The Home, which is situate about five miles from Southend-on-Sea, with large garden, orchard, and pleasure grounds, will be open for the reception of patients about the beginning of July.

De Jong's Cocoa.—"The British Medical Journal" says, "De Jong's pure soluble Cocoa is a most excellent preparation. In flavour, solubility, purity, and strength it would be exceedingly difficult to surpass it."

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