

The value of a Nurse must be determined, not entirely but chiefly, by her character and by her experience. In speaking of character, we do not refer to elementary moral qualities such as honesty or sobriety, qualities comparatively easy to ascertain, and without which nobody would, nowadays, have much chance of being accepted as a probationer by any school. We refer to those finer and more delicate moral qualities which enable a Nurse to fulfil her duty in reference at once to the patient and the physician." Now, would your lordships look at the same page, line 33. "Further, it must be remembered that these qualifications are liable to alter with time; that time makes one nurse better and another worse; that if a nurse does not improve and go forward she deteriorates and goes back; that the character of her work renders her more subject to temptations and vicissitudes leading to deterioration than others; and that if it is impossible to measure and to record these qualifications at the outset, it is doubly impossible to measure and record their subsequent variations." That in itself, assuming that your lordships go with the reasoning of it, is a strong argument against registration in such a profession as this, because the only way in which the register would be any guide would be to tell the public that a particular nurse has this qualification, and that some time ago she did bring the certificate of it to the Council and was registered. But the result would be to minimise the power of revision of a register, which should be regarded from the point of view of fitness and character of qualification.

It being now four o'clock, the Committee rose for the day, Sir R. Webster not having concluded his speech, the further hearing was set down for Monday, the 28th instant at 10.30 a.m.

— Notes. —

MESSRS. HUDSON & Co., 5, Crosby Square, E.C., announce that their stock of "Perfectum" Half-minute Thermometers is in hand, and that they are now in a position to file orders for them. Our readers should note this, as these thermometers are of particularly good value.

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THIS evening at half-past eight, Miss MARSDEN will give a lecture upon her work among the lepers, in the large hall of the Polytechnic Institute, Langham Place. I advise all who have a chance to attend, as Miss MARSDEN may not have many more opportunities of lecturing to London audiences.

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I HOPE too that there will be a good attendance at the Portman Rooms, Baker Street, W., where a concert will be held this evening, commencing at 8 p.m., in aid of the funds of The Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital. Amongst those who have kindly volunteered their services are Lady COLIN CAMPBELL, Mdllc. CARLA DAGMAR and H.I.H. Princess EUGENIE DI CRISTOFORO.

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