

the Probationers to enter for the Examinations of the South Kensington Museum on Hygiene and Physiology. Classes are held each week at the Mechanics', the fee for each pupil being six shillings. Arrangements might be made to allow the Probationers time to attend these classes. This full Hospital training, theoretical and practical, should make any Probationer an efficient Nurse. If any Probationer fails to profit by the training, it is her own fault. We have, fortunately, a class of Probationers who have proved worthy of their selection, and I have pleasure in confirming the report of the Lady Superintendent, on their willingness and kindness, and attention to the sick, joined to intelligent obedience."

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THE heartfelt thanks of the unfortunate inmates of the Skipton Workhouse are due to the Rev. Father SHARP for his plain speaking concerning the nursing (or rather lack of it) in that Institution. At the meeting of the Skipton Board of Guardians on Saturday, he stated that a week or two ago a woman had been confined in the workhouse, and no one had been in attendance on her. It appeared that the poor woman had been overtaken whilst in the room, and had afterwards got into bed, where she was seized with convulsions, and ultimately died. There was no one near to look after the patient. The Night Nurse was in an adjoining room, but she was an old and incapable woman. He hoped means would be taken to remedy the existing state of things.—The Nurse was called into the room, and she stated that she had already eighteen patients to attend to. She worked fourteen hours a day, and could not work the whole twenty-four. There was a bell in the Night Nurse's Room, and the Night Nurse ought to have rung it to acquaint her with the case.—Father SHARP further remarked that on November 4th, last, a person named CHRISTOPHER WALKER was found dead in bed, and he would suggest that the Master of the workhouse should make an entry with regard to events which were out of the common—After some discussion it was decided, on the motion of Mr. GREEN, seconded by Mr. PROCTER, that a temporary Nurse be appointed for six months, and in the meantime that the advisability of appointing a permanent one should be considered. The sooner Lady MEATH'S Committee to provide attendants for the sick and aged in our Workhouses get to work the better. Skipton is only one of many of these institutions which are a disgrace to modern civilization.

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SINCE first entering a Hospital as a Probationer, we have always maintained the habit of placing in a note book items from any source likely to prove of use in our work. Such a book in years becomes a valuable work of reference, and we should advise our young colleagues to do likewise. We cull the following from the *American Board of Health*:—

PERIOD OF INFECTIOUSNESS OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

Small Pox.—Six weeks from the commencement of the disease, if every scab has fallen off.

Chicken Pox.—Three weeks from the commencement of the disease, if every scab has fallen off.

Scarlet Fever.—Six weeks from the commencement of the disease, if the peeling has ceased and there is no sore nose.

Diphtheria.—Six weeks from the commencement of the disease, if sore throat and other signs of the disease have disappeared.

Measles.—Three weeks from the commencement of the disease, if all rash and the cough have ceased.

Mumps.—Three weeks from the commencement of the disease, if all swelling has subsided.

Typhus.—Four weeks from the commencement of the disease, if strength is re-established.

Typhoid.—Six weeks from the commencement of the disease, if strength is re-established.

Whooping Cough.—Six weeks from the commencement of the disease, if all cough has ceased.

Under judicious treatment the period of infectiousness may be considerably shortened, but no child suffering as above should be admitted to any school after a shorter period of absence, and should be provided with a medical certificate that he or she is not liable to communicate the disease.

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MISS E. B. WHITE, Superintendent Training School, writes to *The Trained Nurse* re a national badge for American Nurses.

"I have been exceedingly interested in the discussion going on in your journal during the past few months concerning the establishment of a 'national badge.' But is there not danger in prolonged discussions of creating a diversity of opinion and a multiplication of suggestions that may accumulate to the extent of confusion and the ultimate abandonment of a most noble purpose? That we should have a national badge there is no question; but we need first a national society, and to get either or both we must act. Let me offer a plan that I think will be fruitful of result. Every one, no doubt, will concede the fact and bear me out in the point that we could not have a national badge without the endorsement of a national organisation; and to establish a national organisation without confusion, someone must be authorised to call a convention. Now, *The Trained Nurse* can help us materially. I would suggest that the editor of *The Trained Nurse* select three superintendents of training schools, prepare ballot and send out with the next issue of the journal to every training school in the country. The officers of each training school to vote for one of these three, and return to the editor of *The Trained Nurse* at once. The person receiving the highest number of votes to be notified at once and the fact published in *The Trained Nurse*. The person thus elected and authorized will then proceed to make arrangements and call a national convention, not earlier or later than June next, at which time and place a national organization can be perfected. Now the "badge":—Let each school be asked to present a design at this convention, at which time a committee may be appointed to inspect the different designs and make a selection. In this way, I think, we will be able to arrive at conclusions and perfect results that will be advantageous to the profession of nursing, will be mutually agreeable and eminently satisfactory to all."

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