

At a meeting held by the Guardians to consider the recommendations of Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Lambert was of opinion that "the Guardians should not calmly submit to the whip of the Local Government Board;" Miss Varley contended "that the Guardians were better able to form a judgment upon what was required than was Sir W. Foster sitting in his arm-chair;" while Mrs. Marshall asserted that they would not "be cowed," and emphasised the danger of taking patients eight miles over macadamised roads—which all goes to show that there will be a lively controversy between the Government authorities and the somewhat Radical Board, who characterised Sir W. Foster as being actuated by "aristocratic motives."

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Two or three choice advertisements appended form a very good answer to that oft-asked question, "What makes private Nursing so difficult?"

**WANTED**, by an elderly lady of 73 years, a trained **NURSE**, from 30 to 35, who would act as maid and do some parlour-maid's work.

**WANTED**, **NURSE-HOUSEMAID**. Attend on elderly gentleman, help and superintend young housemaid. Some training. Churchwoman. £20.

**WANTED**, **ATTENDANT-NURSE**, for invalid lady of 80. No one else in family. Very small, comfortable house. Another good servant kept. Some training required. Must be strong, gentle, bright. Wages £20.

*Another good servant kept is an unconsciously frank evidence of the position the attendant-Nurse would be expected to hold in the family.*

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**DR. LANGDON DOWN**, a son of the well-known Consulting Physician to the London Hospital, is to be married on May 17th, to Miss Cleveland (daughter of Captain Cleveland, of Southsea), who has been a Nurse at the London Hospital for some seven years, where she has been extremely popular. The union of the two branches of the profession is always interesting; in this case congratulations have come in from both the medical and Nursing sides of the Hospital.

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**POTTER—BURCH**.—April 18th, at St. Mary Bredin's, Canterbury, by the Rev. J. J. Bambridge, vicar, Harold William Potter, R.N.R., son of the late Rev. James Potter, formerly vicar of Ringley, Lancs., to Bertha Augusta, late of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, daughter of James Burch, of St. Sepulchre's, Canterbury.

## Medical Matters.

### THE DANGERS OF DIRT.



A SEVERE epidemic amongst the female children has recently occurred in a French hospital in the shape of vulvitis set up by the use of a dirty thermometer. For some time, the cause of the outbreak remained a mystery, until it was discovered that the Nurse had used the thermometer to take the rectal temperature in a septic case and had not carefully cleansed the instrument. It was washed in a strong solution of hydrochloric acid, and the epidemic promptly ceased. Three months later, a new Nurse began to take the temperatures, and the same epidemic immediately broke out again, and once more it was found that she did not take proper precautions as to cleansing the thermometer. The matter is one of the greatest importance for Nurses to remember, and probably the best antiseptic is a strong solution of carbolic acid in which the thermometer should be placed, and then be rinsed in warm water before being again employed.

### THE INFLUENCE OF ODOURS.

It is well known that many vocalists are subject to attacks of hoarseness when exposed to the influence of certain smells, and most singers regard the violet as a flower which is in this respect especially obnoxious. It is stated that vocalists generally regard the rose with favour as having no particular harmfulness in this direction. The matter has recently been made the subject of a careful inquiry on the part of a well-known French physician. He has arrived at the conclusion that the influence of the various odours upon the voice depends entirely upon the special constitution of the person, representing, in fact, a distinct idiosyncrasy. So, just as some people are unable to take quinine, as others cannot take iron, and as others again become seriously ill after even minute doses of an iodide, some artistes lose their voices from the smell of the lilac, while the same effect is produced in others by the mimosa, by the odours of musk, amber, civet, various oils and grasses, or even by the emanations from tanneries and breweries.

### RED RASHES.

ONE of the most perplexing occurrences in various complaints is the sudden appearance of a red rash. It is almost invariably expected by the patient's family and friends that such an eruption implies the onset of scarlet fever.

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