

Aubrey, Miss B. Loveday, Miss N. Wheldon, Miss M. Desmond, and Miss L. Sumter. The scheme of instruction and training for the Nurses which I drew up at the beginning of the year is in full operation. It includes two lectures weekly by myself on Midwifery and general medical subjects; physiology lessons by the Head Nurse; bandaging and ambulance classes by the Head Nurse and Charge Nurse; bandaging practice under Nurse Taylor; practical Midwifery, under the Head Nurse and Charge Nurse; and instruction in ward work by all the Staff Nurses. The resignation of Nurse Mercer having been received to-day, the appointment of a Staff Nurse in her place will be required as early as possible."

DISTRICT Nurses are sometimes led by their work into strange places. A Superintendent of midwifery tells us that on one occasion she was sent for to a district case, and went accompanied by a pupil. She found the patient in a caravan, and the space so limited that, as it was necessary to call in a doctor, the two pupil midwives had to take up their position on the steps of the caravan and view the proceedings over the half door. Happily, the caravan was exquisitely clean, and a pleasant contrast to many of the cottages in the neighbourhood, where a condition often prevailed of what has been described as "an entomological collection, without the pins!"

WE presume the *Ladies' Review* takes its cue from the *Nurses' Journal* in its estimation of Nurses, to judge from the following:—

"A NOVELTY IN NURSES.—'The Nurse has come, doctor. She looks rather young, and seems to lack self-confidence. She says she has not had a great deal of experience, though she looks intelligent, and says she thinks she can learn.' Doctor: 'She thinks she can learn, does she? Send her up quick. It's been about twenty-five years since I've had a Nurse with me who thought there was anything she didn't know, and it will be a refreshing experience. Send up the prodigy.'"

THE Cheltenham Board of Guardians has leanings toward the light, and we are glad to note that they have now decided to obtain their Nurses through the Workhouse Nursing Association. We are quite at one with Mr. Baker, a member of the Board who, at its last meeting, expressed the hope "that an endeavour would be made to obtain the services of a somewhat older person as assistant Nurse. It was not becoming in an Institution of this sort to have "flighty, giggling girls" occupying such a position. They wanted at all events something more than a child."

THE Master of the Lincoln Workhouse does not appear to find favour in the eyes, or we might add in the ears of the Nurses of that

Institution. At the last Meeting of the Guardians, "The minutes of the Nursing Committee showed that there were still some lamentable differences between the Nurses and the Master, the former reporting that the latter was "in the habit of shouting at them," a statement which was met with considerable laughter from the Guardians."

No doubt the Master in question will continue his objectionable proceedings when he finds how monstrously funny they appear to those persons who are responsible for his conduct. Probably if the present friction continues much longer, the Local Government Board will cause the hilarious Guardians to regret their ill-timed merriment.

STILL they come! Schemes we mean for the so-called training certification of the totally unfit. We find the following brilliant suggestion in the *Western Daily News*, and for which one signing E. W. Bashleigh, is responsible:—

"THE TRAINING OF NURSES.—Sir,—The question of efficient nursing in the commonest illnesses affects every village as well as towns, and proper attention to the education of this class of the community has been sadly neglected. Twelve months ago, at my suggestion, the District Council of St. Austell got the sanction of the Local Government Board to allow doctors and others to send to the sick wards of the Union (where Nursing is always required) any two young women to be trained under our trained Nurses, and to receive a kind of certificate at the end. The pupils were to be there during the day only, and pay some small trifling sum (I think it was £1 for 13 weeks' food) whilst there. This enabled villages to get educated helpers for the local doctors. But not a single application has been made. As this is a good way of supplying a better class of local Nurses, may I be allowed to draw the attention of the public in our Union to the existence of this scheme, and also draw the attention of other Unions to this matter? I may state that leave was only granted us for twelve months, because it was a new and strange request to the fossilized Local Government Board, unasked for by any other Union in England, and, therefore, looked upon as an unheard-of experiment."

The poor and the local doctors are to be congratulated that they have been spared the ministrations of these "educated helpers," and we hope the "fossilized Local Government Board" will promptly decline to renew the business for the making of more bogus Nurses. We have already an ample supply.

MRS. TREGOLD STRONG, a late Matron of the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, writes to the *Avgus* *re* the eight hours' day, that Hospital Nurses should be granted four weeks instead of two weeks holiday in the year. She considers the eight hours' system impracticable.

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