

creasing number of persons who adopt the uniform of a Nurse, without the least entitlement to do so, says:—"The only thing that seems feasible is that public opinion should express itself forcibly and clearly in the matter, and make it plain to the impostors, whenever they are detected, that their conduct is regarded with general reprobation."

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 THOSE two Probationers at the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum, whose extraordinary conduct was recently brought before the Committee, were clearly not intended by nature to be Nurses. When the Assistant Matron remonstrated with them for coming late on duty, one of them retorted that "she only felt contempt" for her superior. Prompt and right action was taken by the Medical Superintendent in suspending them. The Visiting Committee have discharged them, in spite of their letter of regret and entreaties to be taken back. We should recommend them to seek some other employment than that of Nursing, in which, above all things, self-control and dignity are necessary.

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 BOARDS of Guardians seem never to weary of providing amusement—at their own expense—to that public which elects them. At the Tavistock Board, when the old question of ignorance *v.* knowledge came up—the point of whether a trained Nurse should or should not be appointed, Mr. J. H. Reed, in supporting, thought that "as the Nurse was required for the men's side of the Infirmary, a matronly woman would be preferable to a young dandy one." He quite took it for granted that "trained Nurse" and "young dandy" were synonymous terms! Women Guardians are usually progressive, and we are glad to see that both Mrs. Johnstone and Mrs. Badford were on the right side, and spoke strongly and eloquently in favour of the sick poor being properly looked after. But Dr. Bryant strongly opposed, and, as the matter now stands, the unfortunate sick inmates of the Tavistock Workhouse Infirmary are to remain under the care of an untrained, uncertificated "Nurse."

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 A CORRESPONDENT writes: "What do you make of the following?"

WANTED (immediately) experienced MENTAL-ATTENDANT (kitchen) for elderly lady. Wages £30. Under 32. Copies of testimonials.

Does it mean to imply that the elderly lady is the cook, and that, therefore, the attendant will do her duties in the kitchen?"

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 The same correspondent also says: "Are we never to eliminate from our ranks the element

which the following advertisement expresses?—

WANTED, a strong, intelligent Woman (single or widow) as VILLAGE NURSE. No training necessary, but a liking for Nursing and willingness to learn.

"A liking for Nursing' is surely the poorest satisfaction to offer sick villagers, while the suggestion of a willingness to 'learn' at their expense, by practising her ignorances on their helpless bodies is not calculated to rouse much enthusiastic gratitude in the rural heart."

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 At a meeting of the Hucknall and District Nursing Association, Mrs. Ball spoke of the hard work and the long hours their Nurses were undergoing, owing to the prevalence of typhoid fever. She said, "Measles was spreading, children dying round them, but their Nurses were too busy with typhoid patients to spare time for measles." She quoted cases where seven or eight people were down with typhoid in one house, and advocated the building of a Cottage Hospital. But surely, in such a crisis, the obvious step to take is to engage several more Nurses. It is not right to let children die because typhoid cases prevent the Nurses from "sparing time" for measles.

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 MISS ARMSTRONG, who has worked for five years as Superintendent of the Aberdeen District Nursing Association, is to receive from the Council of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute one of the four silver badges which are at the disposal of the Council for distribution among the Superintendents of the Scottish Branch of the Jubilee Institute.

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 THOSE Irish Roman Catholic Bishops who have asked the Local Government Board to give a dispensation to those nuns who are acting as Nurses in Workhouse Infirmarys from attending surgical operations have surely not made the request with the knowledge of the nuns themselves. If these ladies confess to an inability to perform the routine duties of Nurses, they stand self-convicted of their unsuitableness for the profession, and the sooner they stand aside and make room for the lay Nurse the better.

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 We congratulate Miss Isabel McIsaacs, the Superintendent of the Illinois Training School for Nurses, in connection with the Cook County Hospital at Chicago, upon the important advance of substituting a three years' course of study and practice for Nurses for the two years' course hitherto in use. The Cook County Hospital contains 1,000 beds, and 150 pupils are now enrolled. This step forward marks the fifteenth year of the School's existence, in connection with which we hear a most flourishing Alumnae Association exists.

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