

Miss Maunder is reported to have stated in her evidence. From our knowledge of this lady we should have surmised that this was the case.

For the rest, it is not apparent that in the case in point the plaintiff suffered any pecuniary damage, which necessitated her making good her loss in the law courts, and we must confess we are sceptical as to the depth of an affection, which seeks, as an equivalent for the wounds which it has sustained, a solace in the form of hard cash.

We are informed by Miss Norman, the lady superintendent of the Eastbourne Nurses' Co-operation, that there was a slight inaccuracy in our report of the legal proceedings taken against a nurse by that institution, inasmuch as the percentage of 5s. in each guinea paid to the Co-operation by the nurses belonging to it is required for the first month only; after this the percentage paid is 2s. 6d. on each guinea earned. We are very glad to note this fact, which did not appear in the reports which reached us.

Miss Norman adds that she fully agrees with our remarks respecting the way in which nurses regard the papers they sign. She finds that frequently the contracts which they make are looked upon by them as so much waste paper. The Eastbourne Nurses' Co-operation has suffered so frequently from an unconscientious disregard of contracts, on the part of members of its staff, that it was considered advisable by the managers of the Institution, in defence of its nurses, to test the question, as to whether contracts entered into by them are binding or not, in a court of law. It is greatly to be regretted that the dishonourable repudiation of their obligations by various nurses rendered this course necessary.

London Homœopathic Hospital.

THE Matron and Nurses of the Hospital are arranging a Sale of Work, to take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, 30th and 31st March, in the St. George's Mission Hall, Great Ormond Street, from 11 a.m. till 8 p.m. each day.

The proceeds will be devoted to providing necessities in the Children's Ward, and to increase the Annual Samaritan Fund for special help to patients leaving the Wards.

Nursing Exhibits, consisting of models with dolls as patients and illustrating the treatment of various medical and surgical cases, will be on view. These exhibits obtained a medal and diploma at the Chicago Exhibition, and were a great feature of the Nursing Exhibition lately held in London.

The Matron and Nurses earnestly hope you will "Come and Buy." Ladies who cannot attend, can help by sending any useful or fancy articles they may have by them.

Answers to Prize Questions.

WE have pleasure in announcing that the Prize of One Guinea for the highest number of marks in the Prize Question Competition has been awarded to Miss A. V. Stewart, of the County Hospital, York, she having sent in the best answers during the last three months.

QUESTION I.—What training would constitute an efficient mental nurse?

I.—Three years' training in a general hospital, followed by the usual special course of training and practice which is afforded asylum attendants in our best mental establishments, should constitute an efficient mental nurse.

Amidst her general studies, text-books, which bear more especially on the nervous system, hysterics, and the Weir-Mitchell Treatment, should hold a prominent place.

A course of instruction in massage and some practical experience in the giving of the electric battery (continuous and interrupted) would be of considerable service.

A mental nurse devotes her life to the most arduous and depressing branch of her profession, and must carry with her an "extra share" of cheerfulness, courage and whole-hearted devotion to duty. Her physical health must be kept well up to par, and to this end she should as far as circumstances will admit encourage herself in some out-door "hobby," cycling, gardening, botany, &c., to the preservation of the *Mens sana in corpore sano*.

QUESTION II.—Describe the best method of sterilising surgical dressings.

II.—In ordinary hospital practice, where all the conveniences for sterilising dressings are at hand, the following directions are usually all that are required:—

Just cover the bottom of the steriliser with hot water. Wrap the dressings up loosely in a piece of gauze, put them in the *middle* of the steriliser, light the gas full on, and let the water boil till it all boils away.

Then turn the gas down a little till the thermometer registers about 180° or even less and leave it so till the dressings have got quite dry (about two hours). Put them in a tin-box and keep air-tight. Towels to be sterilised the same way, and put in a tin-box.

In private or district nursing the case is very different, and the nurse's ingenuity is taxed to the uttermost to keep pace with her "hospital" sister. The ordinary combined saucepan and potato steamer must here take the place of the hospital steriliser. A few feet

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