

a serious one, should be attended by women of a lower status and possessed of less elaborate qualifications than those now sent out. In fact, there is no more suitable person than the type of woman who fills the upper posts in the best households.

This scheme sounds plausible. It will perhaps save the young Briton from his present deplorable penchant for marrying penniless and attractive young persons, but there seems no guarantee in the plan against his gratitude taking the form of an attachment to the middle-aged upper servant to whom Lady Priestley proposes to entrust the eligible invalid.

Puzzling indeed are the problems to be faced in the effort to regulate human nature by the requirements of caste."

IN the *Trained Nurse* for this month the question is discussed as to why there are more Canadian than American nurses in the United States. The answer appears to be that, in the States, women have more openings to a life of honourable activity than anywhere else in the world, and that, for some reason, other occupations have proved more attractive than nursing.

IN response to a public appeal for help for the Iceland lepers, two young ladies of good family in Brussels have announced their intention of proceeding to the island to act as nurses in the leper hospital there. Great public interest is being taken in their departure.

WE would draw the attention of our readers to this week's American Letter, and commend to them the self-respecting energy of New York graduate nurses. No legislation or society promoted by foreigners will be supported by American nurses. The lines on which their own National Association has been drawn—that is, the School Alumnae affiliated by delegation to a central or national organisation, in which the superintendents of Nurse Training Schools take an active interest—is the very best form of professional organisation possible, and one which will no doubt sooner or later be adopted throughout the States.

THE Australian *Argus* has a long editorial upon the articles which recently appeared in the *Nineteenth Century* by Lady Priestley and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. The nursing question is, in fact, arousing the greatest possible interest all over the world, and trained nurses welcome this interest in, and increased knowledge of, their affairs, on the part of the public, knowing well that the more information it possesses with regard to these, the more urgent will be the demand that, as Mrs. Bedford Fenwick pointed out, a legal system of registration shall be established, so that the public may know that when a woman describes herself as a trained

nurse, she has a right to the title, or she may be proceeded against for obtaining money under false pretences. At present the public must of necessity trust to the honour of private nursing institutions, and unhappily it not unfrequently happens that it trusts to a broken reed.

WE are glad to observe that a training school for nurses and ward attendants is to be attached to the General Hospital, Madras, and the entire approval of the Government has been obtained for the scheme, which has been worked out by the Surgeon-General, the Senior Medical Officer, and the Matron Superintendent. The Matron will be responsible for the training of the probationers, and their discipline and conduct, while the Senior Medical Officer will supervise the school generally.

There are to be four classes of nurse pupils—lady probationers, who are trained for six months upon payment of 100 rupees a month; special probationers, who pay 30 rupees a month, and are trained for a year; and regular probationers, both Government and private; who train for a year without making any payment, but under stricter conditions of service. It is much that a definite system of training has been decided upon, but we hope that in the near future the term of training will be lengthened to the three years, which all our training schools of repute at home are now adopting.

MATERFAMILIAS: I had an awful time getting Bobby to take his medicine. I begged him to be good in all the words I could think of, but he wouldn't do anything but shake his head.

Paterfamilias: You didn't go at him in the right way. What does a boy of his age care whether he is a good boy or not? You ought to have dared him to take it!

Truth is responsible for the following stories:—

"An old servant on being sent to the doctor with a message, returned, saying: 'Please, miss, the position (physician) says as how the insistent (assistant) mixed the subscription (prescription) all wrong.'

'My sight is getting so weak,' said a dear old lady to me recently, 'that I must go up to town shortly to consult some good optimist about it, though, of course, a poor octagon like me cannot expect her coptic nerves to be what they once were.'

Lady: 'Well, Janet, and how is your mother today?' Janet: 'Not at all well, thank you, mum. She suffers so much from nervous ability, and now she's got the brown-kiddies (bronchitis), and please, mum, she thought that maybe you'd like this bunch of nasty-urchins (nasturtiums) for your dinner-table.'

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