

are, no doubt, sensible men, who would be scandalised at the idea of a farm-hand who had been employed for only three months giving lectures on agriculture, or of a sailor who had been for three months before the mast setting up as a teacher of navigation, but they fail to see the similar absurdity of a three months' Probationer attempting to teach a branch of the profession most difficult to impart—home Nursing.

Another example: In the South of England I met at a luncheon a clergyman who was desirous of having a course of nursing lectures in his parish. This gentleman was of middle age, a Canon in the Church of England, and a man whose judgment on any other question would have commanded respect, but he knew nothing about nursing. Thinking it would interest me, he showed me the *credentials* of the teacher he was engaging, consisting of a letter from a lady who had, two months' previously, attended this teacher's first course of lectures, and the writer testified that the class was well pleased and satisfied with her instruction. The lecturer had no other guarantee of qualification beyond the opinion of one of her pupils, that she was competent to teach!

I could enumerate other similar cases, only that I hesitate to trespass more on your space. I think we have reason to fear that all the Lecturers engaged by the County Councils will be necessarily chosen from this type of sham teachers, if the remuneration offered for their services is so low as to be an insult to the educated, trained and skilled expert that a lecturer on technical and scientific subjects ought to be.

The Royal British Nurses' Association has done much to abolish Mrs. Gamp as a Nurse. Are the County Councils throughout the country desirous of establishing her as a Lecturer and Teacher of Nursing?—Faithfully yours,

M.R.B.N.A. and N.H.S.

Comments and Replies.

A CORRECTION.

In the instructive article which appeared in our issue of December 2nd, entitled "Hints on Obstetric Nursing," by Miss Snively of Toronto, a printer's error occurs on page 291, about the central paragraph in last column. It reads thus: "Should the breasts of the *mother* become swollen." It should read: "Should the breasts of the *infant* become swollen." It is very important that this should be corrected, many Nurses persisting in squeezing the swollen breasts of the infant in cases where they are distended with milk.

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