

house inspection and report on the condition of things from a hygienic point of view. The *British Medical* rightly condemns the appointment for such an important mission of a mason, a plumber and two labourers, but does not mention—what is well known locally—that the mason and plumber in question are appointed to inspect work which, in a very large number of instances, *they have themselves planned and carried out.*

As long ago as 1888, Dr. GROVES, the Medical Officer of Health for Carisbrooke, pointed out—as his Report for that year amply proves—the dangerous condition of the public sewerage, etc., and he has for many years past been the prophet crying out in the wilderness of ignorance and unbelief the fate that must overcome Newport unless more heed were paid to the elementary laws of Public Health.

THE Amphitheatre of the Toronto General Hospital was filled to its utmost capacity on Tuesday evening, November 20th, when twenty-one Nurses were presented with certificates and badges, on the occasion of their Graduation. The Graduation Class occupied semi-circular seats on the ground floor, while the remainder of the School were seated on the gallery seats, immediately behind them. It was, indeed, a beautiful sight, and one not soon to be forgotten. The Graduating Class and School were arrayed in their tasteful uniform of light blue, with white aprons, collars and oven-sleeves; a black band on the cap indicating the Head Nurses, and a kerchief the distinguishing mark of the Graduates. A pleasant programme, consisting of addresses, songs, and recitations, together with the Annual Report of Miss SNIVELY, the Superintendent of the School, followed. At the conclusion, the guests were invited to visit the Nurses' Home, which was thrown open for inspection. The evening passed off most successfully.

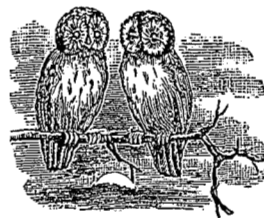
Class of 1894.—Miss Mary W. Falkiner; Miss Nannie Hillary; Miss Harriet Green-Armitage; Miss Annie McKay; Miss Martha Sneath; Miss Edith Dunn; Miss Belle Fraser; Miss Ella Thorne; Miss Minnie Clark; Miss Lizzie Stitzel; Miss Agnes Muir; Miss Marguerite Holbrook; Miss Mary E. Moore; Miss Clemena McIlmoyle; Miss Ella Jardine; Miss Maud Dames; Miss Minerva Tweedie; Miss Anna Booth; Miss Agnes McIntyre; Miss Hattie Megill; Mrs. Etta Bruce Bryans.

Programme.—Tuesday, November 20th, 1894.—Opening Prayer, Rev. L. Jordan; Chairman's Address, Mr. J. L. Blaikie; Report of Superintendent, Miss Snively; Solo, Miss Gunn; Address to Graduating Class, Dr. Charles Sheard; Reading,

Miss Gunn; Presentation of Badges, Dr. R. B. Nevill; Presentation of Certificates, Dr. C. D. Reilly; Solo, Mr. Spurrock. Friends are invited to visit the "Home" at the close of the Exercises.

WE have to thank our colleague the Superintendent of the Toronto Hospital for her courteous invitation to be present at "the Graduating Exercises of the Training School for Nurses." When the Maxim flying machine is in working order, we hope to avail ourselves of such pleasures—in various quarters of the globe. At present, such kindly remembrance of us is sincerely appreciated.

Matrons in Council.



The Monthly Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Matrons' Council took place at the Matron's house, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at 5 p.m.

A UNIFORM STANDARD OF EDUCATION.

DEAR MADAM,—Perhaps it seems an extraordinary thing to say, but in spite of the strongly expressed and diametrically opposed opinions offered by "An Old-fashioned Matron" and "A Modern Matron" in your columns concerning the education of Nurses, *I agree with them both.* In the main they are both in the right as to the result—differing only in their methods of obtaining it. "An Old-fashioned Matron" places the virtue of cleanliness in the fore-front of her type of Nurses' perfections, and, as an old Nurse, I am quite at one with her that the Nurse of the eighties was more cleanly and thorough in her ward work than her successor. Why? Because she was held personally responsible to the Sister for the cleanliness and order of the ward. Now, the Sister has to grind out the perfections of cleanliness and order from the ward-maid—often a woman of the scrubber type—whose very instinct and knowledge of each is rudimentary. Even when she does possess these qualities, she is constantly aggravated by the sloppiness and dabbiness of the modern Probationer, who does not seem to appreciate the fact that *nursing* a patient is founded upon a surer basis than the versatility of the clinical thermometer, and who has yet to be taught respect for labour. Under the modern system of ward management, a Sister often develops into a dragon, or still worse, into a muddler. Nursing is before everything a domestic art, and I hope in the future, when the great curriculum (which is to satisfy the majority) is decided upon and inaugurated, the first term of six months' training for Probationers in the wards of our Hospitals will be entirely domestic. There is nothing more derogatory in cleaning wood, stone, brass or china than there is in cleaning human flesh (often with tow and turpentine) so long as the one great aim, the com-

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