

whom was associated as assessor Dr. Goodall, the superintendent at the Carmarthen Asylum. In future all Nurses and attendants who remain a sufficient length of time in the Asylum service, to satisfy the probationary requirements of the association will be expected to go through the necessary training."

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MISS JESSY GRAY has been appointed Sanitary Inspector of Women's Workshops under the Islington Vestry. The *Queen* says:

"Miss Gray is a Scotchwoman and a native of North Berwick, the seaside town of golfing fame. She was educated in Edinburgh and in Paris. Miss Gray has been trained to the profession of Nursing. Addenbrooke's Hospital at Cambridge was the school where she obtained her experience and certificate. Miss Gray has latterly, however, been adding to her valuable knowledge of Nursing, the qualifications immediately required of a Sanitary Inspector, for she has attended the lectures and demonstrations of the Sanitary Institute in Margaret Street, and passed the examination of that body last December. She holds, in addition, the National Health Society's diploma, and has also won their 'Lecturer's Prize' in Sanitation.

Miss Gray's new sphere of activity is one in which she cannot fail to discover an immense amount of work to be done; for Islington, as its energetic medical officer, Dr. Harris, has discovered, contains workshops almost innumerable in which women are employed, the bare list of the different trades under which the trades may be classified being a long one. It is, indeed, Dr. Harris whom the women workers in Islington have primarily to thank for suggesting that a representative of their own sex should be added to the sanitary inspectorate, but we also gladly add that the Islington Vestry was enlightened enough to respond to the proposal in no grudging spirit, as the circumstance that Miss Gray will receive a salary of £150 (nearly equivalent to that of a male inspector) testifies. We offer our congratulations to Miss Gray and hope that many good results may attend her labours."

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APROPPOS of our recent comments on Sick Nursing lectures a well-known Nurse-lecturer sends us the following letter which she has received from the Head Mistress of a large Board School in one of the Eastern Counties:

"DEAR MADAM.—Will you kindly pardon me troubling you, but if you will kindly answer me the following queries I shall esteem it a great favour. I must introduce myself by saying that I have been giving a series of lectures on Sick Nursing to an evening class. Can you kindly recommend me some good book on Home Nursing (to enable me to prepare my lectures from). I suppose Home Nursing and Sick Nursing are much the same? A few hints from you would be most gratefully received. What is the meaning of 'First Aid'? As I am situated I want to push a bit with this subject.

Faithfully yours,
(Mrs.) W. A."

We wonder if all the subjects taught in the Board Schools are "crammed" up in this

fashion! There is a delightful ingenuousness about the question "What is First Aid?" followed as it is by the frank avowal "I want to push a bit with this subject"! It is time some determined action is taken to protect the public against such sham Nursing instruction. No School Board managers should sanction the teaching by an unqualified person, of such a difficult and highly technical subject as Sick-Nursing.

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At a meeting of the Board of Guardians of St. Olave's, the Rev. J. S. Lidgett brought forward a motion to which the Board agreed, "that on applying to the medical officer, the Nurses at the Infirmary should be allowed leave up to 11.30 o'clock instead of 10 p.m., on their monthly half-day's leave."

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It was an ill-advised motion to propose, and a still more ill-advised proceeding to pass it. It is distinctly *not* the province of the medical officer of any Infirmary to grant late passes to any of the female staff. This should be entirely left to the discretionary power of the Matron. The Matron is the proper disciplinary authority, and she should certainly dispense the rewards as well as the penalties incidental to Hospital life. There might be special circumstances—as for instance in the case of a young probationer—when a late pass might be very injudicious or harmful in its results, and the Matron, that is, the "mother" of the establishment can judge far better on such a question than can a man.

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THE "Battles of the Sects" are still being fought on Nursing grounds. We have recently called attention to several conflicts on "religious" grounds. To the long list we must now add the Ruthin District Nurses' Committee, which was formed some months ago in connection with the Queen's Jubilee Institute, and which has been hampered from the first by sectarian troubles, in spite of the fact that the Committee was composed of an equal number of Church people and Nonconformists. The trouble has been brought to a head by a recent speech on Church Defence made by the vicar of the parish, who drew an unpleasant comparison between the amount of money contributed to the Nursing fund by Church and Chapel. At the next Committee meeting he was asked to withdraw his "ungentlemanly comparison." The rev. gentleman took no notice of the request and four Nonconformist ladies resigned. Local feeling is considerably roused by the incident.

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