

Nursing Made Easy.

WE have before called attention to the Polypathic Sanitarium of Chicago, which turns out certificated Nurses by means of Correspondence Classes.

It appeals to all classes, all conditions and every nationality. There is nothing narrow-minded or exclusive about its programme. All are generously invited to tread the easy path which leads to "high Nursing proficiency," and a handsome certificate, by the expenditure of twelve dollars and an hour's daily reading, which you may do or not, according to your degree of conscientiousness.

The prospectuses of the College are headed:

HOW TO BECOME A NURSE AT HOME.

If you would like to fit yourself for a Nurse or desire an introduction to the study of medicine, allow us to call your attention to our correspondence course for Nurses established some years ago to meet the wants of those who either could not leave home or could not gain admittance to a Training School.

ABOUT YOURSELF.

"While we do not require it, yet we are pleased to receive information about your age, height, weight, health, race, religion, education, marriage, finance, present and past occupation."

Under such elastic conditions applicants are not handicapped in any way. Health and even race do not enter into consideration, while "marriage and finance," and we suppose "character" also are insignificant trifles to be relegated to the background.

In the light of a recent discussion as to the suitable age for Nurses, it is interesting to hear that on this subject the Polypathic Sanitarium boasts that

"A lady seventy-five years old is taking our Nurses' course of study. This is a good example for thousands of younger women."

TIME REQUIRED.

"The regular time allotted to the course is six months, reading one hour a day. The course may be completed, however, within three months, or prolonged through twelve months, according to the progress of the student."

POSITION SECURED.

"We do not promise to secure positions for our students. But we have a private Sanitarium of our own, and influential connections with a number of other Institutions. We are sometimes able to secure desirable positions for those well qualified."

It would be rather interesting to pay a visit to that Sanitarium in which the patients are cared for by correspondence class Nurses. One would have thought that sick people would avoid committing themselves to an Institution where the methods are so confessedly inadequate.

No doubt it will prove interesting to many of our readers to hear that

"In no other way can a young lady spend the long

winter evenings more profitably than by pursuing this course of reading. It has already proved a stepping-stone to something better for many."

Which is unquestionably true so long as "the young lady" limits her knowledge to the preparation of linseed poultices and milk gruel, for home consumption. But when her "pleasant winter evenings" (and twelve dollars to the Sanitarium) result in a Nurse's certificate, the harmless recreation begins to look dangerous to the public, and very harmful to the Nursing profession.

We are told that

"Physicians located in small places endorse our Home Course of Study for Nurses. A physician in a small Indiana town writes us: 'Ever since I located here I have been trying to get some one to study for a trained Nurse. Thus far I have failed. I send you the names of three whom I have urged to take your correspondence course for Nurses.'"

Most probably that "physician in a small Indiana town" obtained *his* diploma by "correspondence" — and correspondence with some good dollar bills enclosed—and would be unwilling for his Nurses to have better qualifications than his own.

There is a delightful *dolce far mente* tone about the whole scheme—a "go as you please" tolerance which would commend the scheme to those wishing to obtain advantages for which they have not worked.

TIME TO BEGIN, NOW.

"You can begin any day. You can go as fast or as slow as you please. If you find for any reason that you cannot complete the course, you are at perfect liberty to give it up at any time. You also have the privilege of taking it up again at the point where you dropped it."

STEPPING-STONE TO MEDICINE.

"Should you desire to study medicine this course will be an invaluable preliminary. It will count for a year's reading and save you just so much time in a medical course. A doctor should know all a Nurse knows, and much more."

There is more than one convenient College of Medicine in Chicago where by "looking in" and extracting a piece of paper in the form of "greenbacks," as dollar notes are called, you can obtain a full licence to practise medicine. Medical diplomas cost more than the Nursing certificates which appear at the present market prices to be going cheap.

HOW TO BEGIN.

"Send us two dollars and we will send you by return mail the first book with full instructions and twenty examination papers."

Each month thereafter you send us one dollar until you have sent us seven dollars, including the two dollars sent at the beginning.

GRADUATION FEE EXTRA.

An additional charge of five dollars is made for the certificate or diploma. You are not required to pay this until you have completed the course.

Ten dollars paid at the beginning of the course will be accepted in full payment for tuition, examination and diploma; a saving of two dollars."

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