

gestion because we have heard the complaint from so many Nurses that they have suffered actual torture from the impatience and lack of kindly sympathy on the part of the Staff Nurses under whom they begin their training. If this accusation be true to any great extent, we must not hastily blame the senior Nurse, but probe for the reason of undue irritability upon the part of the trained Nurse with the new "Pro." May it not be found in our present system of shooting so much raw material into the wards to perform duties, concerning which a certain amount of instruction is necessary before a woman enters the Hospital as Probationer?

ONE hundred and ten ladies passed the Examination of the London Obstetrical Society in April, 1896, and were added to the List of certificated Midwives.

THE Board of Management of the Liverpool Ladies' Charity and Lying-in Hospital has put itself in an awkward position by the stand they are endeavouring to make of independence of the medical staff, who have consequently resigned in a body. The Managers state that "they have always welcomed with pleasure the general supervision of the Hospital work by the medical staff," but they do not intend "to relieve the Matron-Midwife of her full responsibility for all normal cases: and further, that they have the greatest confidence in her capability to judge whether cases are normal or not."

They seem to forget that the point involved has no bearing on the capacity of the Matron, Miss Gosling, whose training was excellent, and whose admirable work has gained the complete confidence of both managers and medical staff. The point is that it is the medical men who are really the responsible persons connected with a Hospital, and it would be absurd to expect them to take up a position subordinate to the Matron. That the physicians attached to a Hospital are not to have full and perfect access to the patients and wards is the *reductio ad absurdum* of their position, and the medical men belonging to the Ladies' Lying-in Charity have taken the only possible course of resigning in a body. The Managers will not find it possible to get another staff to serve, and their position will be that of the directors of an unrecognised Institution.

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Recalls the Delicious Tea of Thirty Years Ago.

THE new General Hospital, Birmingham, is growing apace, and when finished, is expected to be one of the most perfect in the kingdom. At the Nurses' Home there are quarters for about 100 Nurses, for whom reading and writing rooms are provided, with a lecture hall and special sections for day and night Superintendents. The ward walls are to be of a light green tint, the most restful of all colours to the eyes of the sick.

THE Birmingham District Nursing Society has a delightful scheme on hand for renting a cottage in the country to use as a Convalescent Home for the Nurses. Birmingham is ever progressive, and the Society may rest assured that the Nurses will repay by their gratitude and increased energy for work, and the interest they will take in it, the time and money the Committee propose to expend in this little convalescent nest.

THE *Warwick Times* admires the trained Nurse, and thus holds forth—"It is a fine training, anyway, that of a Nurse; and if she marries, as many do, before she even has given many years to the work, she will not make a less worthy helpmeet for some lucky man for the lessons in order, kindness, self-discipline and watchfulness that she has learnt in tending the sick and suffering." We wonder if the writer of this is one of the "lucky men" who has a trained Nurse for a life's helpmeet!

IT is a pity the Essex Cottage Nursing Association cannot see its way to extending the period of training of its Nurses. Six months is so manifestly inadequate for even the simple elements of Nursing to be acquired, that it is hoped the standard will very shortly be raised.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "I notice the following incident which took place at a meeting of the Guardians of the City of London Union.

The Visiting Committee reported that a Nurse had been dismissed for neglect of duty, and that the Nurse who called the attention of the committee to her misconduct had been called upon to resign.

Mr. Mann thought they were dealing harshly with the Nurse who gave the information.

The action of the committee was, however, approved.

I think there should be some further inquiry into what looks like a very unjust piece of treatment. It was the duty of a Nurse to report to the Committee misconduct and neglect of duty on the part of a fellow-worker. And for doing her duty she is dismissed. This is a procedure which will have a very mischievous result."

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