

is, no doubt, that the large majority of nurses are drawn from the ranks of English church-women. If Roman Catholics desire the appointment of Sisters of their own persuasion the remedy is obvious. An increased number of Roman Catholic ladies must enter as probationers in our training schools, and so qualify for appointments in the Army Nursing Service.

THE SKELETON AT CAMBERWELL.

It is good news to hear that the Medical Superintendent of the Camberwell Infirmary has applied to the Guardians for a skeleton, "for use during his lectures to the nurses." It is well known that much reform is needed to bring the standard of nursing in this institution into conformity with modern requirements, and we are of opinion that the Medical Superintendent should receive every support in his endeavours to attain this end. There is no question that every training-school for nurses should be supplied, not only with a skeleton, articulated, and disarticulated, but also with models of the human body, and of the various organs, with maps—in short with all the appliances necessary for the efficient teaching in theory, which it is the duty of those responsible for the training of nurses to see that they receive. After a lively discussion the application was, we are glad to say, carried by fourteen votes to five, but the arguments used against the application by the five objectors were remarkable, and not very enlightened.

One pointed out that superintendents and nurses, guardians and ratepayers, had got on for generations unknown without a skeleton, and he declined to sanction such an expense. If the thing were really wanted, if the parish would wait a little longer, he would leave them his own.

One member of the Board thought nine guineas too much for a lot of old bones, while another did not think he would like to be sold at the price; while yet another announced that the skeleton of an Englishman could not be bought for this price, and was, apparently, averse to the nurses being instructed from one of a person of any other nationality. Two other opposers of the purchase were frankly told by a member of the Board that they were "imbeciles," while a medical member expressed his astonishment at gentlemen who were approaching the stage of the sere and yellow leaf, and who, therefore, would probably soon

have occasion to employ nurses, objecting to such a proposal. The "Sarah Gamps," he said, would have to be replaced by trained and educated women. It is satisfactory that, notwithstanding the objections raised, the large majority of the Guardians ranged themselves on the side of progress.

BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION.

In a full-page advertisement of the Sanitary Wood Wool Company, which appears this month in the "official organ" of the Royal British Nurses' Association, we find the following:—"The Way we Help Nurses. We have now decided to supply Nurses with our preparations at the same prices as to the Medical profession, since we think it only fair that they should make a profit out of the dressings they obtain for their patients?" We alluded a fortnight ago to this very objectionable statement which the manageress of the above company was circulating amongst trained nurses, and expressed our strong disapproval of inciting nurses to make money by such an indefensible method; but it remains for the "official organ" of the Chartered Corporation of Nurses (managed by medical men) to admit to its advertising pages an inference that members of the Medical profession make a profit out of the dressings they recommend to their patients, and to publish a bribe (which is paid for) to trained nurses to do likewise. Sir Dyce Duckworth is Treasurer of the Royal College of Physicians, and a member of the General Medical Council; and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association he is partly responsible for this most objectionable advertisement appearing in the "official organ" of that Association. The sooner he realises his responsibility in thus depreciating both professions in the eyes of the public, the better. Surely bribing nurses to cheat their patients is "moral delinquency" in its most degrading form. We speak strongly, because we feel bitterly the gross injustice which must result to our own profession, when the public learn from the *Nurses' Journal*, the low standard of professional ethics and morality placed before us in the pages of our "official organ"—over which, owing to an intolerable bureaucracy, we nurses have no power of control. We demand that Sir Dyce Duckworth, holding the position of professional trust which he does, shall at once have removed from our "nobbled" journal, the advertisement in reference to this most degrading bribe

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