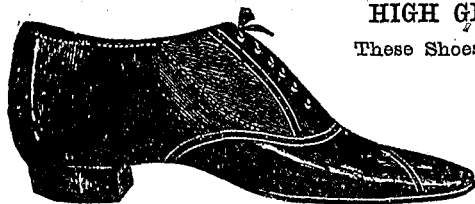


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**IRISH POOR LAW NURSING.**

**A**T a meeting of representatives of different Boards of Guardians and Committees of Management of County Infirmaries in Ireland, held in Dublin last week, to protest against the New Order of the Irish Local Government Board, various resolutions were passed. With some of these we are not in agreement. For instance, that which pledges the Conference to the opinion that members of Religious Orders who have had experience in nursing, and who may be appointed as nurses in workhouses, should be regarded as trained nurses is manifestly unsound. To rank as a trained nurse a woman must qualify herself as one, and this she can only do by passing through the full term of training, evading nothing, shirking nothing, for no amount of "religion" will compensate for ignorance of practical nursing duties, or impart the skill only acquired in the course of prolonged training. If religious communities desire to act as nurses they must apply themselves seriously to the study of the profession of nursing, and seek no dispensations from any of the obligations it imposes on

the score of piety. Then they will supply valuable re-inforcements to our ranks. But the resolution to which we desire to direct attention is one which shows how increasing and widespread is the desire for a standard of nursing education and uniformity of training.

The Conference adopted the following resolution:

"That we think there should be universal and standard curricula for the training of the various classes of nurses, and that there should be examinations at the end thereof, and that the curricula to be drawn up by a central committee should be faithfully adhered to, and that the examinations likewise should be above board and strictly carried out."

Thus we have within the last few months recorded (1) the adoption of a voluntary uniform standard of nursing education and examination by a combination of Boards of Guardians in Yorkshire. (2) The memorial of the Workhouse Nursing Association to the President of the Local Government Board for England, pointing out the evils which arise from the lack of a uniform standard of efficiency for all Infirmaries, and now (3) a Conference of Irish Guardians, voicing the need for uniformity in

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