

and when you have heard it, to accept its obligations and to observe them faithfully.

"You do solemnly swear, each by whatever she holds most sacred:

'That you will be loyal to the physicians under whom you serve, as a good soldier is loyal to his officers.

'That you will be just and generous to all worthy members of your profession, aiding them when it will be in your power to do so.

'That you will give your lives and lead your profession in uprightness and honour.

'That into whatsoever house you shall enter it shall be for the good of the sick to the utmost of your power, and that you will hold yourselves aloof from all temptation.

'That whatsoever you shall see or hear of the lives of men and women, whether they be your patients or members of their households, you will keep inviolably secret, whether you are in other households or among your own friends.

'If you accept these obligations let each one bow the head in sign of acquiescence.

'And now, if you shall be true to your word, may prosperity and good repute be ever yours, the opposite if you shall prove yourselves foresworn.'

We learn that Mrs. Cadwalader Jones' modified version of the Hippocratic oath caused a buzz of favourable comment among the physicians and others present.

In referring to this matter the *Trained Nurse* says:—

"We think no one will deny that the taking of an oath is a matter for serious consideration, and should not be subscribed to without a full knowledge and understanding of its meaning and the responsibility it entails. Nor should an oath be required from anyone without affording her an opportunity for deliberate consideration.

"Therefore, the administration of a modified form of the Hippocratic oath to a class of nurses at a recent commencement, without first officially informing *each* and *every* one that it would be required, and without giving them an opportunity to reflect upon that to which they must swear, is, in our opinion, an action open to much criticism."

We are entirely in agreement with our contemporary. To subscribe to an oath is, indeed, a very serious matter, and should certainly not be lightly taken in a moment of enthusiasm. At the same time, from an ethical standpoint, nothing could be more calculated to raise the tone of the nursing profession than that nurses should live up to the standard of conduct embodied in the obligations set before them by Mrs. Cadwalader Jones.

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### THE NEW HIGHGATE HILL INFIRMARY.

#### DETAILS OF THE STAFF.

We are able to give details of the staff of 242 persons, and their emoluments, who will attend to the 800 sick poor which the new infirmary at Highgate Hill, erected by the Islington Guardians, will accommodate. Such a staff in a modern well appointed Poor Law Infirmary, is quite necessary, but when one realises the cost of working such an institution there is little wonder that rates become burdensome to the middle-classes. The Guardians will not make all the appointments at present, but will fill them from time to time as necessity requires:—

#### GENERAL STAFF.

Resident medical superintendent £500 per annum, with unfurnished residence, coals, gas, and washing.

Assistant medical officer £130, rising £5 annually to £160, with resident allowances.

Matron £100, rising £5 annually to £110, with resident allowances.

Steward £120 per annum, rising £10 per annum to £150 per annum, with unfurnished residence, rations, coals, gas and washing.

Day lodge porter £1 per week, dinner, tea, and uniform.

Night lodge porter £1 per week, supper, and uniform.

Steward's clerk 25s. per week, dinner and tea.

#### DAY STAFF.

Six head nurses £32, rising £2 annually to £38.

Fourteen staff nurses £26, rising £2 annually to £30.

Fourteen probationers £6 first year, £12 second, £18 third.

#### NIGHT STAFF.

Superintendent nurse £36, rising £2 annually to £40.

Fourteen staff nurses £26, rising £2 annually to £30.

(The nursing staff will have resident allowances.)

#### LABOUR.

Two house porters 10s. weekly, rising 1s. to 12s., with resident allowances.

Fourteen scrubbers 1s. 6d. daily, dinner.

#### LAUNDRY.

Superintendent £30 per annum, with resident allowances.

Eight laundresses 2s 6d. daily, dinner and tea.

Two laundry men £1 1s. weekly, and rations.

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