

tures, which are associated with practical laboratory work in illustration of the themes, deal with the nature of bacteria and the methods of isolation and recognition of species; the part which bacteria play in nature, and the industrial uses to which they are put; the bacteria of air, water, ice, milk, and foods generally; the methods of sterilization and disinfection; the relation of bacteria to plant and animal disease, and, in connection with this, certain phases of hygiene and household sanitation, and the care of the sick.

This course is given during the second half-year in connection with Biology 3. Students who elect this course must make arrangements with the instructor in advance.

*Domestic Science 14—Household Chemistry.*—Lectures, reading, and laboratory work. Two or three points. Dr. Vulté. Tuesdays, 9.30 to 12.30; Fridays, 2.30 to 4.30. Laboratory fee, five dollars.

This is a course of instruction designed to present the study of the chief food products, such as sugars, starches, proteids, animal and vegetable fats, water and mineral salts, special attention being given to the changes taking place during the operations of cooking, and to the analytical tests applied to them; the chemical aspects of fermentation and putrefaction, prevention of the same by chemical means and sterilization; corrosive action of food constituents, acids, etc., on utensils; saponification, action of detergents, hard and soft water; testing of milk, butter, cheese, water, etc., for purity; the chemistry of fuels and illuminants.

Students who elect this course as three points must arrange with the instructor for extra hours for laboratory work before registration.

*Physical Education 10—Applied Anatomy and Physiology.*—Lectures, demonstrations, reports, and discussions. Two points. Professor Wood. Mondays and Wednesdays at 3.30.

This course deals with the methods of teaching anatomy and physiology in training schools for nurses. The demonstrating materials include skeletons, dissected specimens, and the best French manikins. Students have practice in conducting demonstrations and quizzes, and presenting topics to the class. Time is given to the discussion of the methods of teaching and the best materials and books for use in class work. Papers are prepared on assigned topics.

Required of special students in hospital economics.

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## Legal Matters.

### A NURSE'S ACTION FOR LIBEL.

Miss Rosalie Mansell, formerly Superintendent Nurse at the Renfrew Road Workhouse, of the Lambeth Union, was recently awarded £600 damages against the Sol Newspaper Syndicate, Limited (owners of the *Sun*), and another, for libel, in Mr. Justice Grantham's Court. The *Sun* published a report of an enquiry conducted by the Guardians in July last, in which serious allegations were made against the moral character of Miss Mansell by a female inmate of the workhouse who was her attendant. No mention was made of Miss Mansell's indignant denial of the charges or

of the evidence given by the medical officer in her favour. For the defence, Counsel stated that the Guardians passed a resolution that they did not believe the denial. His Lordship said they did not. If any Guardians could allow such statements to be made and not take any steps they ought to be kicked out, every one of them. The Guardians resolved to pass on to the next business on the Agenda, which showed they did not believe the allegations.

Most people will agree with the justice of the verdict. The position of nurses in workhouse wards would be intolerable if their reputations are to be at the mercy of pauper inmates.

Miss Mansell also brought an action to recover damages for libel against the Master and Matron of the Renfrew Road Workhouse, but her object being to vindicate her character, and that object being attained, the action was not proceeded with. Mr. Justice Grantham remarked that he could not help saying that, owing to the somewhat extraordinary way in which the majority of the Lambeth Guardians behaved, it was not to be wondered at that difficulties arose, and that it was necessary for Miss Mansell to have her character vindicated. The Guardians had not in any way charged her, but they certainly did not take the course which would have been expected from a public body like a Board of Guardians in their character as gentlemen.

It is satisfactory to learn that at Wednesday's meeting of the Lambeth Guardians Mrs. Despard (one of the guardians) drew the attention of the Board to the recent actions for libel and slander brought against certain persons by Miss Mansell, late superintendent nurse at the workhouse. Mrs. Despard asked the Board to perform an act of justice to Miss Mansell, who, she said, had left the service of the Board under very painful circumstances. Her character, which was a blameless one, had been attacked, and she (Miss Mansell) appealed to the Board to clear it for her. The Board unanimously decided to grant Miss Mansell a testimonial, and to forward her an expression of regret for the action taken by the Board.

## The Passing Bell.

### DEATH OF A CRIMEAN NURSE AT RAVENSTONE.

Mrs. Ann Eyre Hely died at Ravenstone Hospital, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, last week, in her eighty-third year.

Mrs. Hely was an inmate of Ravenstone Hospital, and widow of a surgeon formerly practising at Ravenstone. She was presented, on December 15th, 1897, at the hospital, by Lady Cave Browne Cave, with the Royal Red Cross, awarded by the

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