

and pinioned. As soon as practicable, he was conducted, under a strong escort, to Ghent, and there confined in the Guislain Lunatic Asylum, the place to which he should in the first instance have been taken. Twenty-seven is the number of those who were wounded by him, more or less severely, among the most serious cases being that of the Mother Superior, who sustained some deep razor cuts on the head, but nevertheless refused to quit her post till he had been secured."

In the same number of the *Lancet* appears the following advertisement, which many Nurses may not see, and many will be glad to know of:—

TO NURSES AND PROBATIONERS.—To meet a widely expressed want, Courses of Lectures on the Nursing of Children, the Diseases of Women, Fevers, and Eye and Nerve Cases will be given by Specialists on these subjects during the coming winter, provided that a sufficient number of Nurses enter for each Course. Fee for each course, one guinea. For those unattached to Training Schools, Courses of thirteen Lectures each will also be given on Elementary Anatomy and Surgical Nursing, and on Elementary Physiology and Medical Nursing, on Tuesdays, from six to seven p.m., on the same fee and proviso as above.—The names of those desiring to join these Classes should be sent as soon as possible, enclosing stamped and directed envelope for reply, to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W., in order that the necessary arrangements may be completed.

THE scheme is one which will certainly meet a very great want, for just as many Doctors now-a-days join Post Graduate Classes at Hospitals, to keep themselves abreast of Medical advances, many Nurses wish, when they have gained their Certificate and left their Hospital, that they could obtain some advanced instruction, especially in those specialties, diseases and operations of which they see little, and learn less, in a General Training School, but which they frequently have to nurse when engaged in private work. And in like manner I know many Probationers at smaller Hospitals, where the practical training is excellent, feel the want of theoretical training. I am glad to see that Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's excellent scheme will help these also.

I AM sure my readers will be very pleased to hear that Miss Catherine J. Wood, the indefatigable founder and secretary of the British Nurses' Association, has in the press, and which will shortly be published, a work entitled, "A Handbook for Nursing Sick Children," in which the authoress's practical and great experience in that particular and important branch of Nursing work will enable her to deal thoroughly with the subject. By permission the book is dedicated to H.R.H. Princess Christian, or as the members of the Nursing world will have it—"Our Princess."

I HAVE read with very considerable interest, my feelings the while being not a little amused, that at the Public Health Section of the Congress

of the British Medical Association at Leeds, Dr. H. Tomkins (Leicester) moved, and Dr. Caldwell Smith (Motherwell, N.B.) seconded, the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—
"That this section strongly approves the movement set on foot by the Worshipful Company of Plumbers, as serious defects in the plumbing work of dwelling houses are constantly leading to disease and ill-health, and demonstrate the need that exists for the more rigid supervision of plumbers and their work"; for I cannot for the life of me forget the peculiar and greatly contradictory fact that His Grace the Duke of Westminster, for whom I have the greatest possible personal respect, is an energetic supporter of the movement for registering plumbers, yet His Grace has opposed the scheme for the Registration of Nurses, or rather he signed the petition against the scheme, which was got up with a considerable "flourish of trumpets" by Dr. Steele, of Guy's, and others, a little time ago. Of course I appreciate the difference between a leaky gas-pipe and—well, say an acute attack of bronchitis; but why the Duke of Westminster and the score or so of those unenlightened signatories, apparently attracted by the Duke's good name, should deem it necessary to have a Registered person to treat the one, and an unregistered Nurse to treat the other, exhibits a logical inconsistency which, to use a phrase of Lord Dundreary's, "no fellah can understand."

THE result of the experiment of establishing in the centre of London a suitable Hotel or Home for those Nurses from the country who have occasion to visit the metropolis, will be looked forward to with considerable interest. It is an undertaking entirely of Miss C. J. Wood's own, who hopes and I think with every good reason, to make it a social and financial success. Full particulars of the scheme will be found in the correspondence columns of this issue.

A LADY GUARDIAN recently suggested that the children at Edmonton School should be periodically weighed and measured, to see what physical progress they were making. This suggestion was apparently treated with considerable levity, for a member of the Board remarked, "Let it apply to the Guardians too," which was thought rather a good joke, to judge of the laughter which followed. There is more in the suggestion than would appear at first sight; and I sincerely hope that the energetic lady will not be dissuaded from further endeavouring to carry out her not by any means impractical or unreasonable idea, in spite of the little banter she may have to encounter.

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