ALL of which only makes me wish most heartily that I could have been present at the pleasant and interesting ceremony; but, nevertheless, all concerned have "S. G.'s" best wishes.

I AM particularly glad to be able to record the following, if only for the unusual character of it, hoping that the example may not be lost upon others who may read this paragraph:—"In appreciation of the kindness and genuineness shown by the Nurse of the Ross Union Workhouse to an inmate from Goodrich, who died recently, after being ten weeks in the Infirmary, the Rev. Douglas Seaton and Mrs. Seaton have just sent her a gift of £2, which was subscribed for that purpose by ladies and gentlemen in that parish. The circumstance tended to show that the pauper patients in Ross Workhouse met with more care and attention than they would probably receive at their own homes."

THE Christ Church Magazine (Eastbourne) for November has the following:—"We have great pleasure in announcing that Nurse Ellen will (D.V.) come to reside, on November 2, at 262, Seaside Road, and that her services will be available, free of charge, to those in the parish who are unable to provide a Nurse for themselves, so far as her time and strength will allow. Nurse Ellen has been trained at the London Hospital (one of the best Hospitals in London), and at two other London Hospitals. She has also been trained under experienced Nurses, to nurse the sick among the working classes in their own homes. When we add that Nurse Ellen is a lady of deep sympathies with the sick and the suffering, and that she is already well-known and respected by many in this parish, we feel sure that she will receive a hearty welcome."

My sympathies go out to those Nurses who, a week or two ago, were the sufferers at the hands of some of those crack-brained individuals called "practical jokers." The Mayor of Bath is a Medical practitioner of standing in the place, and he was made the medium by which letters, purporting to have been sent by his worship, were forwarded to different Nursing Institutions in London, asking for a Nurse to be despatched. Fortunately one only made the whole journey, the rest being apprised at Paddington Station of the hoax perpetrated. If the mayor could but have these dunder-headed "jokists" brought before him he would only be doing his duty to give them a month's imprisonment each without the option of a fine.

Want of space only (my chief difficulty in these columns) prevented my stating in last week's issue that Chichester Infirmary is making considerable progress as a Training School for Nurses, class instructions in General Nursing and Anatomy being given to the Probationers and Nurses by Miss Wyld, the Matron, so that Nurses sent out from that Institution will be properly stamped with the hall-mark of practical and thorough training. Miss Wyld is particularly fitted for the work, being a "Nightingale" Nurse, with some years' experience in the duties she has taken up at Chichester, and many of her pupils are now holding good appointments in the Nursing world.

I have again the painful duty of adding another name to that already far too long a list of Nurses sacrificed in the performance of their duty. On the morning of November 2, at the Red House (Bromhead Memorial Institution), Lincoln, died Nurse Margaret Marris from typhoid fever, contracted during her attendance on two patients. She was twenty-nine years of age, and had been a member of the Lincoln Institution for Nurses for five years. Nurse Marris was greatly respected by her fellow-Nurses and a large circle of friends, who deeply lament her death.

S. G.

## WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

## THE SCHOOLMISTRESS.

I HAVE already dealt with the subject of "The Governess" in these columns. I now propose taking into consideration the other and greater branch of women's work as regards education, viz., teach-This is so diffuse a subject, ing in schools. that I can but touch the outskirts in this short article. First, the mistress with a little capital who has started a private "establishment for young ladies." But now-a-days this is not so profitable an investment as of yore, and though many still make it pay, there is ever much anxiety and care connected therewith; and therefore I would recommend ladies rather to use their money in good training, so that they may eventually receive good salaries as the Head Mistresses of High Schools. The Girls' Public Day School Co's teachers pay well—from £200 to £250 per annum, and capitation fees; but the teachers have all received the highest training, and many are graduates of Oxford, Cambridge, or London Universities. Those who cannot afford so expensive a training may obtain one more cheaply by attending the Marie Grey Training College for Teachers, Fitzroy Street, W.C., or at the West previous page next page