

a shirt is considered fair remuneration for the work. About four yards of flannel are required for each shirt.

The authorities of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, do not seem to have taken seriously to heart the verdict of censure by a coroner's jury, which we reported in a recent issue. Last week another jury, at Kensington, censured the hospital authorities after hearing the evidence in connection with the death of an infant, treated there and sent away without the mother having been informed that the patient was seriously ill, or that local advice should be secured. The child died the same day. In returning their verdict the jury said:—"We consider the hospital authorities ought to be more careful in a case of this kind, and give the mother more instructions and directions what to do." Most people will endorse this opinion.

Chute Manor, near Andover, has been adapted as a Home School for the development, physical and mental, of backward and defective children; it stands in a pretty village 800 ft. above the sea-level, and is only a two hours' journey from London. Children are admitted from one to ten years of age.

From long experience, the necessity for the very early training scientifically of those children neither imbecile nor idiot, but yet behind others in intelligence and development, has been proved, and the parents and guardians of such children should not put off their training until indolence and bad habits have been acquired, but place them under skilled training young enough to fit them for the duties of life. Chute Manor is under the experienced superintendence of Miss Mabel Anderson, a trained nurse, who for nearly ten years was in charge of the Meath House for Epileptics at Godalming, and Head of the National Association Home and School for Feeble-Minded Children at Hendon. Miss Anderson is assisted in her valuable work by a certificated teacher and trained nurses.

Although praise is not the ultimate aim of work, appreciation judiciously expressed is very encouraging, and we sometimes think hospital committees should not omit, as they constantly do, all mention in their annual reports to the governors of the important department of nursing.

The Committee of the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth, is not oblivious of the work accomplished by its valued Matron, Miss Hopkins, and the nursing staff, for we find in the last annual report this encouraging reference:—

"The Committee continue to observe with increasing satisfaction the manner in which the Matron has performed her duties—frequently

under considerable difficulty—and they fully recognise the advantage derived from her able management. They also acknowledge with gratitude the very able and efficient manner in which the Sisters, staff nurses, junior nurses, and probationers have devoted themselves to the work they have undertaken.

"The private nurses have fully maintained during the year their high reputation for efficiency and devotion to their work. These nurses have been employed in 153 families, in fifteen of which there were two at one time, whilst some families required their services twice within the year, and they returned with most satisfactory reports.

"Sixty-nine nurses and 258 convalescent patients were sent to the Pearn Convalescent Home during the year, and have thankfully appreciated the advantages derived from their sojourn in that most comfortable and healthful establishment."

Miss Amy Hughes last week addressed a meeting at the Town Hall, Sheffield, called by the Lord Mayor, to consider the question of establishing a local branch of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses. The meeting was convened in response to a requisition signed by influential local women. Miss Hughes attended as a deputation from the headquarters of the Institute, and delivered an interesting address on its work. After discussion the meeting resolved itself into a Committee to take the necessary steps to establish a branch of the Institute in Sheffield, and to report to a subsequent meeting. This is a very satisfactory outcome; we only wonder that so important a town as Sheffield has not established this branch long ago.

It is not often that we find a woman guardian opposing educational progress in connection with nurse training; on the contrary, the weight of women's influence has been almost uniformly on the side of a higher standard. We regret, therefore, that Miss Fanny Fullagar, a Leicester guardian, should have assumed a totally untenable position in regard to nurse training. The cases in the Leicester Poor Law Infirmary are, she says, only chronic, such as cases of bronchitis, anæmia, &c. If this assertion can be substantiated, then, clearly, the Infirmary cannot afford facilities as a training-school for nurses, and should therefore employ only those who are fully trained. To this, however, Miss Fullagar takes exception. It would be most undesirable, she says, to have none but fully-trained nurses. Those of us who know by painful experience what the modern "trained" nurse very often is in private houses (happily there are some noble exceptions) would be very sorry to think of what the hapless patients in our work-houses would have to endure from such women. In order, therefore, to deliver the Leicester indigent

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