

these will be given by the Home Sister, who will lecture on elementary anatomy and physiology, and by the Out-patient Sister on bandaging, splint-padding, and bed-making. At the end of the first year they will be required to pass an examination in practical subjects, and until this is passed they will not be allowed to proceed to the second year's course. During the second year the honorary staff will lecture to the probationers on more advanced anatomy and physiology, and during the third year lectures will also be given by the staff on surgical and medical diseases and their treatment. At the end of the third year the nursing probationers will be required to pass a second examination, and upon their doing so they will receive a certificate of efficiency. During their fourth year they will be required to fill any position which may be assigned to them.

The probationers will also, during their training, have the benefit of a course of instruction in sick room cookery, which must be of great benefit to them, and, as the Matron is fully alive to the need of progress in nursing education, if nurses are to keep pace with the constantly increasing requirements made upon them by modern surgery and medicine, it is probable that from time to time the probationers may have opportunities for acquiring knowledge in other branches of their work also. This

should make the training-school at Charing Cross Hospital a popular one, for nurses are discovering that in these days, even when they possess a certificate of three years' training in medical and surgical nursing, they have much to learn if they are to become successful as private nurses as well as in many other branches of nursing work. Those

Matrons who are not content with present attainments, but who are seeking by every means in their power to improve the system of education in the training-schools over which they preside, merit and should receive the loyal support of those whose interests they are advancing.

It is not surprising that many Matrons shrink from developing the system of nursing education in the institutions with which they are connected, for their duties are already multifarious, and, as a rule, the brunt of the additional teaching falls upon them. For this reason amongst others it is essential that Assistant Matrons and Home Sisters should be selected, not only for their

qualifications as housekeepers, but for their capacity to assist the Matron in the education of the probationers; and nurses who aspire to these posts must have an expert knowledge of domestic economy.

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