

all-vital question of establishing way sand means to prevent the spread of tuberculosis.

This year has seen the establishment of a Civic Government League and one well-equipped public playground, with the prospect of others in the near future.

Another interesting item of news is that at the Johns Hopkins Hospital a new departure has been inaugurated in connection with the Preparatory School, under the supervision of Mr. Walz, the hospital pharmacist. The probationers go to the pharmacy in groups of three or four, spending four hours daily during a period of four weeks. The morning work is begun by a lecture, which takes up the various classes of drugs and explains their origin and the mode of preparation, and the many products which are derived from one source. This talk is preparatory to the work which follows during the morning, when the various tinctures, fluid extracts, liniments, ointments, pills, powders, suppositories, &c., are prepared in turn by the students. Each one prepares her own drugs, and follows the process from the beginning through the various stages of percolation till the desired form is complete. In addition to this the pupil fills the routine orders from the wards which go to the pharmacy each morning in the drug books. One attends solely to the powders for a given time, another to the pills, and another to the solutions. By rotation each student eventually handles all the various preparations which are in common use in all wards. This has proved to be one of the most valuable courses of instruction in the curriculum, since the daily handling and discussion of these potent materials establishes an appreciation of their importance, and the great care and accuracy which are necessary in their handling and administration, which the casual handling in the wards scarcely accomplishes.

Legal Matters.

AN UNTENABLE CLAIM.

Rosina Beames, a London laundry forewoman, has sued in the Sunderland County Court the administrator of the estate of her dead *fiancé* for wages in nursing him.

She was to have been married this month, but she was telegraphed for to nurse her intended husband, who was seriously ill, and has since died.

The Deputy Judge said the plaintiff was entitled to her train fare and some remuneration for loss of wages, but he could not see she should be paid anything for nursing.

Judgment was given for plaintiff for £3 10s.

The judgment was an eminently sound one, for unskilled nursing services are certainly sufficiently remunerated when the amateur has been compensated for loss of time and railway expenses.

Nursing Echoes.

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Mr. H. Bonham Carter, Secretary of the Nightingale Fund, has notified the Infirmary Visiting Committee of the Board of Guardians of the parish of St. Marylebone that the Committee of the above Fund will, for the future, only pay gratuities as per existing arrangements to probationers trained at the St. Marylebone Infirmary, and that the payment by the Fund of the salary of £10 per annum to each of the fifteen of the twenty-eight probationers will henceforth cease. The Guardians have, therefore, applied to the Local Government Board for sanction to pay a salary of £10 per annum to the successors of the fifteen probationers hitherto paid by the Nightingale Fund. They have also conveyed their thanks to the Committee of the Fund "for the assistance rendered by them for so many years to the training-school for probationers of the Marylebone Infirmary, it being evident that without that assistance it would have been next to impossible to have placed the school in such a high standard of efficiency as it is at the present moment." The message is a courteous one; all the same, we see no reason to suppose that the standard of nursing at the Marylebone Infirmary would have suffered had the arrangements of the nurse-training school been entirely in the hands of the Guardians in the past, as has been the case at the Chelsea Infirmary and other excellent Poor Law training-schools.

The War Office authorities are desirous of communicating with three ladies, Miss M. C. Bakkes, Mrs. Rutherford, and Miss M. B. Horswell, with reference to the services performed by them as nurses in the Boer refugee camps in South Africa during the period 1901-1903. Any information as to the present addresses of these ladies should be addressed to the Secretary, War Office, Pall Mall, London, S.W. It is requested that South African papers will please copy.

Miss Winifred Beedom, a nurse trained at the London Hospital, and one of those who would have been sent to nurse the King at the time of his recent operation had not her arrangements been made to enter the Dominican Order, has now been professed as a member of that community. The address on the occasion of her profession was

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