

twenty or more mothers would attend with their children, and probably continue in attendance for some months, thus admitting of a continuous course of instruction being given. A suitable room would be set apart for that purpose. As an experiment, the Polytechnics Committee have arranged that the Council's permanent lecturer on health subjects shall give a course of suitable lectures.

The pros and cons for a Jewish Hospital in the East of London are being warmly debated in the *Jewish Chronicle*. Mr. S. Levy, who for twelve years has been Visiting Minister at the London Hospital, asserts that there is nothing which may be desired from the Jewish point of view, which cannot be obtained there if the Jewish members of the House Committee advocate it. He says that the religious scruples of the members of the Hebrew faith are respected both in the Hebrew and general wards. He adds: "I wish I could say that these facilities are always properly appreciated. I have had a Christian nurse complain to me that a Jewish patient in order to annoy his fellow Jews deliberately took a milk spoon and stirred his meat soup with it."

"A Sister in one of the general wards has reported to me that a Jewish patient refused the kosher food brought to him from the Jewish kitchen, and insisted upon having trifa meals from the general kitchen. I have had to remonstrate with a Jew who declined to come inside the Rothschild ward for participation in Divine Service, and wished to remain outside on the balcony with uncovered head and smoking a cigarette, while I read prayers. And, *place aux dames*, the London Hospital grants facilities to the Initiation Society for performing *Milah* in the Maternity Wards. But the very first week after this arrangement was made, one Jewess refused to take advantage of it, and would not have the *Milah* on the proper day because she was anxious to have the rite deferred until her discharge from the hospital, in order to have a party at home. Another Jewess declined to have the *Milah* in the hospital, because she preferred to have the rite performed at home, and thus not lose the ten shilling grant from the Initiation Society. (I understand that the Initiation Society would not make a grant in such a case of postponed *Milah*, but this does not affect the woman's belief that it would.)"

Great progress and improvement have been made during the past year in the nursing department of the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, and at the annual meeting of Governors, recently

held, Sir George White, the President, reported that "many of our Sisters and nurses have again been successful in securing appointments in various parts of the world. No less than five of the Sisters of the Bristol Royal Infirmary have secured posts as Matrons, whilst four of our nurses have been appointed Sisters in various infirmaries. The private nurses have nursed 80 more patients than in the preceding year, and the amount received in respect of out-nursing was £2,377, as against £1,924. It has been a matter of regret that many applications for our private nurses have had to be refused when no nurse was available. We hope that in the future, with the additional facilities at the school and otherwise, the number of these specially trained nurses will be increased, and that we shall be able to meet every possible demand by the public. Every nurse on the private staff must have received training at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, and as the public become aware of this fact it is only natural that the demand increases, and our Nursing Committee is taking care to see that provision is made, so that in future we hope that no application for a Bristol Royal Infirmary nurse will have to be refused. During the year no fewer than 23 nurses completed their course of three years' training and gained certificates. Twenty-one nurses also gained the certificate of the Central Midwives' Board, and 11 others have received certificates from the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses. With regard to Miss Baillie, our Matron, nothing I can say to-day can emphasise the very high appreciation in which her abilities and devotion are held by every member of the Committee. The Sisters, nurses, and officers generally have also devoted themselves to the work in a manner meriting our warm praise."

It is interesting to note how eagerly nurses avail themselves of examination by central authorities. Let us hope that at an early date the nurses of the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, may be able to prove how well they are trained by submitting to a central examination on Nursing as well as on Midwifery and Massage.

At the annual meeting of the Worcestershire British Red Cross Society, held in the Shire Hall, Worcester, Sir Harry Vernon said they had a strong feeling that they could do the nursing of their own Territorial Forces in their own county without going to Birmingham. The following resolution was placed before the meeting:—

"That this general meeting of the Worcestershire Branch, while willing to assist the County Territorial Force in carrying out the nursing

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