

will not admit them unless they have a pleasing personality. The nursing profession, to my mind, offers unusual opportunities for advancement. In addition to being one of the best paid of the women's professions, the girls have leisure and the opportunity for personal development if they are ambitious. The least that we pay a graduate nurse is \$50 a month, in addition to her board, room, and laundry. If she is ambitious, if she is an artist at her work instead of a mere artisan, she will find plenty of opportunity to study and advance."

Ten pounds a month salary! That is four times as much as the average Sister is paid in this country! No wonder there is a waiting list of well-educated women ready to train. The shortage of nurses question in this country must sooner or later be met by a substantial rise in remuneration. The present rates are scandalously inadequate.

The banishment of the Sisters of Mercy from the hospitals of Paris, one of the many results of the separation of Church and State, gave rise on Monday, says the *Times*, to scenes of extraordinary violence at the sitting of the Municipal Council of Paris, at the Hotel de Ville, when the re-admission of the Sisters of Mercy was discussed. Speeches of the most violent partisan flavour were delivered, and several of the members of the Council came to blows, with the result that more than one visiting card was exchanged.

Finally the re-admission of the Sisters was refused, but it was decided to subsidise various philanthropic works in which they are interested.

On Thursday evening the Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association met at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, to enjoy a series of Limelight Views of Modern Pictures.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

We regret that none of the papers sent in in connection with our prize competition as to the methods of syringing the eye, ear, and nose, are of a sufficiently high standard to merit the award of a prize.

QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

How would you control, until the arrival of surgeon, bleeding from: (1) A varicose ulcer of the leg; (2) a stab wound of the thigh; (3) a wound between the wrist and elbow?

THE TRAINING OF MASSEUSES

At a special meeting of the Public Control Committee of the London County Council, for the purpose of licensing employment agencies, objection was made by Miss M. Quinn, Miss A. E. Stewart, and Miss V. M. Kellaway to the granting of a licence to Stanley Alexander Flemmer, trading as the Harley Institute of Certificated Male and Female Nurses, who carries on the business of training in massage in the Marylebone Road, W. Mr. Hogg, for the objectors, said that misleading advertisements were issued from the establishment, inasmuch as a thorough training was said to be given in a month, and that therefore the institute guaranteed to find employment for pupils who were incompetent by reason of inadequate training, and that Mr. Flemmer was turning out on the market a large number of people who were quite incompetent to practise massage, using a certificate for that purpose. The Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses would offer evidence to show that to be properly qualified in massage a person should undergo eighteen months' training. The Harley Institute, in February last, advertised that £3 to £10 a week had been and could easily be earned legitimately and honourably in a comparatively short time, and that "thorough training" would be given at the Harley Institute for £6 6s. Dr. Barrie Lambert and Dr. Mina Dobbie stated it would be absolutely impossible for any pupil to become a qualified masseuse after a month's training. Miss A. E. Stewart said she had had two pupils from the Harley Institute, one of whom had its certificate, neither of them were competent. She advocated a six months' training. Other witnesses having been called, Mr. Flemmer said he held the old National Hospital certificate and had had private training in Sweden. Pupils could stay as long as they wished, but most of them were trained nurses, who had not much time to spare. The statement as to a month's training being sufficient was not sent out with his knowledge. He had been practising massage for about fifteen years. The Committee decided to refuse the renewal of the licence.

LEGAL MATTERS.

AN INTOLERABLE OUTRAGE.

When Detective-Inspector Curry and Sergeant Burmby, "White Slave Officers" from Scotland Yard, raided a so-called massage establishment at 31, Thayer Street, Manchester Square, W., they found a number of questionable instruments, books and whips, with the result that Violet Osborne Gray, described as a "teacher of singing and elocution," was charged before Mr. Paul Taylor, at Marylebone Police Court, on December 5th, with keeping the premises as a disorderly house, and; with exercising control, for the purpose of gain, over the movements of a certain woman,

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