

the top of the hood amuse the infant when awake."

The Lapp wife is a hard worker, and she not only is efficient in domestic duties, but she is able to fish, cut wood from the forest, and—as our illustration shows—drive a team of reindeer with mails aboard. We commend this interesting book to the notice of our readers.

TRAINED NURSES & MIDWIFERY FEES.

It is a curious fact how slowly the values of skilled, as opposed to unskilled, labour receives recognition in relation to women's work.

The untrained pupil, on the other hand, has to be kept under constant supervision, and to be taught the general duties above enumerated.

It follows that corresponding concessions should be made to the trained nurse both as to length of training and to the fees charged her.

LENGTH OF TRAINING.

The Central Midwives Board (England), when it framed its regulations under the 1902 Act, made no difference between the trained nurse and the raw pupil. Certainly the "period of not less than three months" which was the period prescribed, could not well have been reduced even in the case of a trained nurse, but if it was requisite for her it was manifestly insufficient for the unskilled pupil.



By courtesy of Mr. T. Fisher Unwin.

[From "Through Lapland, with Skis and Reindeer."

LAPP WOMAN CARRYING MAILS TO KALA AND ARCHANGEL FROM PETCHENGE.

Take, for instance, the case of the nurse holding a three years' certificate of general training and the untrained woman who proposes to take up midwifery. The former on entering a midwifery training school does so as a skilled and disciplined worker conversant with ward management and duties, with the management of patients, the principles of asepsis and the methods of their application. From the first day that she enters a maternity hospital for special training in midwifery she is of definite use, and without her aid the authorities would have to employ and pay a much larger trained staff than is at present the case.

In the revised rules published in 1916, when the period of training for midwifery pupils was raised to six months, the trained nurse received preferential treatment, as four months' training only is required of candidates producing certificates of three years' training as a nurse in a general hospital of not less than 100 beds, or of three years' training in a poor law institution recognized by the Local Government Board as a training school for nurses, or who is enrolled as a Queen's Nurse by the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses. There is also a further month's exemption for candidates who, in the course of their three years' training, have undergone a course of

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