

creditable. The subjects comprised elementary anatomy and physiology, upon which they had received throughout the year a series of comprehensive lectures from Dr. Moore, the Medical Superintendent, assisted by Dr. Clift; practical Nursing being the course of instruction from the Matron, Miss J. L. de Pledge.

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THE winner of the Twenty-second Prize Essay Competition, which had for its subject, "Give your idea of what obedience should consist of in the offices of a Probationer, a fully Trained Nurse, a Sister, and a Matron respectively," has been declared to be Miss Landale, the Lady Superintendent of the Sick Children's Hospital, Fleming Memorial, Moor Edge, Newcastle-on-Tyne. This competition was very well contributed to, and the winner, who has my congratulations, was run very close by Mrs. J. G. Taylor, of the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, Hull. Both of these essays, which are unusually practical and good, will, it is hoped, be printed in the *Nursing Record*.

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As I have before remarked, I cannot too heartily impress upon my Nursing friends the great advantages in competing for these prizes. Over and over again Mr. Editor has received communications from the successful ones declaring the advantages that had accrued to them through possessing the certificate of success.

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It is very evident that the Press and the public have not yet done with the London Hospital scandals, if I may judge from the following letter from the *Pall Mall Gazette* of Tuesday last:—

THE BATTLE OF THE HOSPITALS.

To the Editor of the "*Pall Mall Gazette*."

Sir,—I sent to the London during the autumn of last year for a Nurse to nurse a relative of mine; I felt quite sure that I should secure a thoroughly Trained Nurse, as I myself heard the Matron state in the House of Lords Committee-room that only fully Trained Nurses (that is, after two years' training) were supplied to the public. The Nurse who came was a nice girl, but admitted having been only eight months at the London; she would have much preferred to continue her training and not to become a source of revenue to the Hospital. No wonder the Matron of the London is able to boast of so large an income from the Nursing Home. The patients in the Hospital and the Nurses suffer on the one hand, and the public are deceived on the other. The enormous power placed in the hands of the Matrons of all the London Hospitals is astonishing. A Nurse may be punctual, industrious, and give complete satisfaction to the Sisters of the Wards under whom she works, but if she be so unlucky as to incur the personal dislike of the Matron, she is sent about her business without a certificate. At the London (from the evidence of the Blue-book) the House Committee don't seem inclined to interfere. It is the duty of the public who support the Hospital to see these matters put right. Rumours are abroad

that other great London Hospitals are under an autocratic sway of this kind; but it is to be hoped that the powers that be will stop the system before it reaches the proportions it has reached at the London.—I am, &c.,

A MEDICAL MAN WHO KNOWS THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

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I HAVE much pleasure in announcing that the winner of the Thirteenth Post Card Competition is Miss Mary A. W. Delahunt, M.B.N.A. There are several deserving honourable mention, and altogether the examination has been a most successful one. The attention of my readers is drawn to the subject set in this issue.

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I AM asked to state that a sessional meeting of the Sanitary Institute for 1890-91 was held at the Parkes Museum yesterday, when a paper was read on "Model Dwellings in London, and Overcrowding on Space," by Louis Parkes, M.D., D.P.H. The paper was followed by a discussion. Sir Douglas Galton, K.C.B., F.R.S., occupied the chair.

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I WAS prevented from mentioning last week the interesting fact that Miss Young has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Cambridge Home for Nurses. She was trained at King's College Hospital, and had charge of Wards there; and at Charing Cross for some years; for the last nine years she has been Sister of the Male Medical Ward at Addenbrooke's Hospital, where her valuable services as Medical Sister and Instructress of the Probationers have been much appreciated, her leaving there having caused the greatest regret. The Physicians have presented her with a silver tea caddy, on which they have had a suitable inscription engraved, in token of their esteem. The Matron and Sisters presented a brass inkstand, candlesticks, pen tray for her writing table, and a handsome screen; the House Physician, a clock; the Probationers, a set of silver salt cellars. The committee have recorded on their minutes their appreciation of her valuable services to the Institution, and their regret that she was leaving. There is every reason to believe that under Miss Young's able management the Nursing Home will prove in every way successful. S. G.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

A MEETING was lately held of school mistresses in London, and the opinion expressed by the majority was that the system of education at present in vogue in the principal schools for girls was not well adapted to training them either to be good wives and mothers, or to earn their own

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