

FROM the Report, I find that the Nurses are "certified" as trained *after one year's* training. Though bound to work for the Hospital for three years, the Nurses receive no certificate. The old-fashioned and most objectionable system of bestowing an annual gratuity of £2 to the Certified Nurses who have completed a year's service to the satisfaction of the authorities is still carried out by St. Thomas's Hospital, and doles of £2 were thus awarded to sixty-six Nurses. These are regulations of a bygone age. We do not doubt, however, that, under the energetic and enlightened rule of Mr. J. G. Wainwright, Treasurer, who is also an active Governor of the London Hospital, speedy reforms will be effected in both Institutions.

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I AM glad, however, to find from the Report that the Nightingale Fund from the first has restricted its services to public Nursing, and "*is free from the charge of being a commercial enterprise.*" This is as it should be; and St. Thomas's is still further to be congratulated, if the report is true, that the block built for the purpose of giving the poor the best Medical and Surgical attention free of charge, is next year to be used for that purpose, and not—as it has hitherto been—as a Home Hospital for the richer classes, where the charges are from £3 3s. to £7 7s. a week.

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EVERYTHING at the Marylebone Infirmary, a branch of St. Thomas's, is also *couleur de rose*. This will be doubtless very gratifying to the rate-payers of the parish of Marylebone, considering the enormous expenditure in connection with this Institution for which they have to find the money.

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THE Society of Operators in Massage and Medical Electricity supplies another proof of the growing feeling that those who undertake to treat the sick should be possessed of the knowledge they profess. The Society is doing a most useful work for the public, as well as for Trained Masseuses, by uniting well-trained operators in massage and electricity, for the development and improvement of their calling. The Society proposes to hold examinations and grant certificates of proficiency in its special branch of work, and to publish periodically a Register of qualified workers. Yet another example of the progress of the Registration movement. At Grafton College, on Monday next, October 5, the new session will commence, and Lectures will be given on Anatomy, Physiology, Electricity, and Electro-Therapeutics, on four days each week, at three p.m. Full particulars can be obtained concerning this most

useful course of instruction by application to the Secretary, at the College, 35, Fitzroy Square, W.

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THE *Woman's Herald*, of this week, contains a very interesting account of an interview with Mrs. Potter-Palmer, the President of the Board of Lady Managers at the World's Fair, which is to be held at Chicago, as everyone knows, in 1892. The section in which she is interested is to be entirely devoted to the exhibition of women's work only; even the architect of the building is an American woman. The Princess Christian, "who is always foremost in good work for women," says the *Herald*, takes an interest in the scheme, and it is to be hoped that an English woman's committee will be formed; and should England exhibit in the woman's section, it is to be hoped that it will include a Nursing exhibition worthy of representing a profession that numbers over fifteen thousand members in Great Britain.

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THERE has been much talk, especially abroad, as to the place hypnotism will take in the future as an anæsthetic, and a series of experiments to test its value were carried out the other day at the Vestry Hall, Chiswick. Several medical men were present. A tooth was extracted, and a slight operation performed upon an arm, during which, it is stated, the patient felt little or no pain, and, lost little blood. Operations will have a different aspect in the future if, instead of the chloroformist, the hypnotiser first appears upon the scene, and "sends the patient to sleep."

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THE Nursing Staff at St. George's-in-the-East Infirmary spent a very pleasant evening on Saturday, the 12th ult., when they had a small gathering to present the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Harris, with a handsome pair of silver fish-carvers and a set of silver salt-cellars, on the occasion of his leaving the Infirmary. His resignation is much regretted by all connected with the Infirmary, because St. George's has to thank Dr. Harris for many improvements. The entire Staff is now fully trained.

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NURSE RENNY has recently been appointed the Assistant Matron at St. George's-in-the-East Infirmary. She was trained at the London Hospital, and for some years has been Charge Nurse at St. George's. She has the best wishes of all who know her for success in her new post.

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