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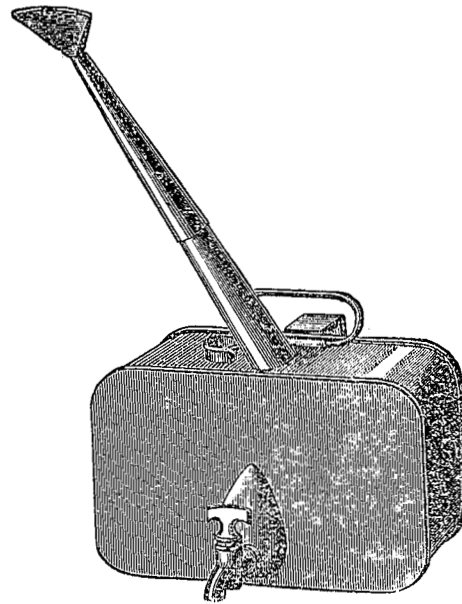
*Montreal Nurse Training School.*

THE following items of news about the Training School for Nurses, organised last year in connection with the General Hospital in Montreal, will, perhaps, be interesting to Nurses in England. The scheme not only looks well on paper, but works well in practice. One suggested improvement is, that it would be well if the authorities, as soon as possible, raised the length of training from two years to three—the term found requisite by all the best Training Schools in the old country. At present in Montreal there is provided a two years' training at the bedside and in the operating room; careful and systematic instruction in the care of the sick, the administration of medicines, and the dressing of wounds, is given by professional teachers; promotion is made after thorough examination, and then, at the completion of the course, diplomas are granted under the seal of the Hospital. The course is divided into three terms of eight months each, and the classes are called Junior Assistants, Senior Assistants, and Head Nurses; the promotion examinations being held at the end of each term, the graduating examination being conducted by an attending physician. The course includes theoretical lectures and practical instruction at the bedside. The applicants wishing to enter must be between twenty-five and thirty-five years of age, of sound health and good moral character, and, after their two months' probation has passed, they bind themselves to stay during the two years. Probationers receive no remuneration, but junior assistants are paid six dollars a month, seniors seven dollars, and Head Nurses eight dollars a month, the pupils paying for their uniforms. The house rules respecting the Nurses are few but strict, and are all lived up to. Up at six in the morning, lights out at ten p.m. when not on duty, no talking or laughing in the corridors, and plenty of work. At present there are twenty-nine Nurses in training and one Probationer. Most of them are from Ontario, but there are also a number of Montreal girls, and a few from the Townships. Neatly attired in their large white aprons and caps, and broad linen collars, they contribute to the rather melancholy building an attractive air of freshness and life. The first class completing their full two years under Miss Livingstone, the Lady Superintendent, will receive their diplomas in 1892.

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