

since attention was first drawn to the subject—is still striking.

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The Lords propose that Nurses should not work more than eight hours a day. At the London Hospital they are actually at work more than eleven hours by day and twelve hours by night. The Lords say they should have two days off duty every month; at the London they have only one, and that, we believe, a broken one. The Lords recommend that they should have three weeks' holiday in the year; at the London, the probationers, who do the greater part of the nursing, have only two. The Lords advise that Nurses should only be dismissed by the governing body of the Hospital; at the London, probationers are dismissed by the matron, with an appeal to the house committee—a very different thing in practice. The Lords think that Nurses should not be withdrawn from the wards to nurse private cases; yet this has been the constant practice at the London. And, finally, the Lords are of opinion that no Nurse should be advertised as "thoroughly trained" until she has had three years' training; yet the London Hospital constantly send out probationers in their second year to private patients, in fulfilment of an advertisement that they supply "thoroughly trained" Nurses. If Mr. Buxton and his committee will set themselves to bring the practice of the hospital into harmony with the Lords' views on these points, they will earn the thanks of the public.

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THE following I cull from a contemporary:—

ST. MARYLEBONE INFIRMARY, Notting Hill.—
REQUIRED (immediately), WARD NURSES, with not less than one year's training in a general hospital. Age 24—30. Salary commencing at £20 per annum, with indoor uniform and washing. Apply, by letter, to the Matron, and send copies of testimonials.

ST. MARYLEBONE INFIRMARY, Notting Hill.—
LINEN-ROOM WOMAN REQUIRED. A respectable, industrious person, accustomed to cutting out. Age 25—30. Salary £30 per annum. Apply, by letter, to the Matron, with copies of testimonials.

I regret to see that women who are to have charge of the sick, are only estimated at two-thirds the value of "a respectable, industrious person accustomed to cutting out." The one woman should possess mental and moral culture in the highest degree, if she is to be a Nurse worthy of the name, and is tempted by the wage of a kitchen maid. A deaf and dumb mute could with ease perform the duties of the other, and yet her services are valued at one-third more than the trained Nurse. I am surprised at any Matron placing so low a value upon her nursing staff.

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THE following comes from *The Queen*. For my part, I consider the suggestion is a good one, especially when one recollects an Atlantic liner in an equinoctial gale:—

"Not much has been published hitherto about the conditions of employment for a stewardess on board ship, and an article on the subject in *Work and Leisure* is timely. It is a mistake, says the writer, for a lady who enters this kind of situation to expect she will receive handsome tips, but the settled pay of £2 10s. to £4 4s. a month, with board and lodging found, is fairly comfortable. But the salary is only paid while the ship is afloat. Her food will be good, and she will find the life healthy. A good stewardess, it is implied, should also be a good Nurse, for all the nursing in illness will devolve upon her, and the medical men on board ship are seldom very experienced. The writer implies that

it would be well if more attention were paid to a candidate's knowledge of nursing, than to such a fact as whether she be the widow of a ship's officer. Altogether, there seems reason to hope that stewardesses may be selected more from the ranks of hospital nurses than they have been. When that day comes, it is suggested the name of stewardess should be exchanged for "ship's matron" or "marine nurse."

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MISS GERTRUDE KNOTT, the successful candidate in the 39th Post Card Examination, has chosen for her Prize "Lectures on General Nursing," "The Care of Infants," by SOPHIA JEX-BLAKE, M.D.; and "Motherhood," by DR. ALICE KER.

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I AM glad to learn that the London Young Women's Christian Association continues its useful work of holding evening educational classes. A new illustrated prospectus has been issued setting forth the advantages offered by the Association, and giving the address of over 40 Institutes, Homes, and Restaurants in London. At several of these Institutes, evening classes are held in book-keeping, shorthand, dress cutting, French, music, ambulance, &c. Classes are also conducted in gymnastics and drill. The Association has in London alone nearly 17,000 members. A copy of the prospectus will be sent free on application to the Secretary, 16A, Old Cavendish Street, W.

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THE report of the Training School for Nurses of the Toronto General Hospital for last year, is as interesting as usual. The history which is given of the work shows how rapidly it has grown and been appreciated. The term of training is now two years, but I hope Canada will soon be abreast of the mother country in considering the three years' course indispensable. I only regret to observe that the Nurses are advised to join the National Pension Fund. I feel confident that if the Medical Superintendent knew that the premiums charged by this expensive charity were so much higher than those which other insurance offices require, he would not have given such advice. I have reason also to believe that he was in error in stating that "over 3,000 Nurses have taken out policies without the aid of agents or active canvassers," and he certainly cannot be aware of the pressure which was put upon Nurses to join this scheme.

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IN one important matter, Toronto is ahead of English Hospitals. Probationers are taken on trial for a month, and if found satisfactory are required to pass an examination before being placed on the regular staff—in reading, writing, arithmetic and English dictation. Such a preliminary test must be established sooner or later in this country. However, the history of the School is as follows:—

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