

maintained, we cannot understand. The larger the hospital, the greater facility for training a nurse, and at present, and no doubt for some time to come, the Winnipeg General hospital will afford far greater facilities for the education of nurses, than can any other hospital in Manitoba and the Northwest, and it would be a wise restriction if hospitals containing a certain number of beds with a staff of physician, and surgeons, were the only institutions allowed to issue nurses' certificates. Let the same number of years in attendance in the hospital be required of all nurses before examination, and let the examinations be of the same standard. When having successfully passed the ordeal, let the nurse call herself Victorian or any other prefix she may fancy. But Nurse Jones, or Nurse Brown, etc., will sound more practical. The Victorian order, as it now appears, is very different in construction from the scheme as at first outlined in the public press, rightly or wrongly, and it can be but a cause of regret to medical men, who in the interest of their profession, found themselves compelled to differ in opinion as to the necessity for the establishment of this order on the lines first publicly given, with Her Excellency, the Countess of Aberdeen, whose kind heart and philanthropic spirit is so well, widely known, and thoroughly appreciated. The profession could not countenance the education of nurses at any single institution though they would probably be practically, a unit in their opinion as to the hospitals in the Dominion of Canada which should be alone qualified to grant certificates to nurses. This is however, matter of detail, which is readily capable of adjustment. And if the entire scheme, as now, matured was given to the medical press for publication it would probably provoke criticism which would be valuable to the stability and interest of the order.

The Industrial Exhibition held annually in Winnipeg, for the year 1898 is among the things of the past and we are glad to know that in every respect it has proved a great success. As a means of drawing people together, a common ground for friendly competition, and last, not least,

as affording the most direct evidence of the rapid progress of this province, patent to all. The Winnipeg annual exhibition is deserving of the greatest encouragement, the most enthusiastic support of every one interested in the welfare and prosperity of the Dominion of Canada, but more especially of the advancement of the Province of Manitoba. While rejoicing with the President and Directors, the managing Official and his subordinates whose untiring energy led up to this grand result, we cannot but regret that a time so opportune was not seized upon for the assembling of our Provincial Medical association; everything was favorable for such a gathering, and it is to be deplored that men will seek for and accept official offices in our medical societies, who by negligence in the performance of the duties in connection with their positions prove of incalculable injury to the local profession. If a man is not determined to give that time and labor to the duties of the office he is chosen to, the least that he can do, while acknowledging, is to decline the compliment, and leave it to others who are willing to assume the responsibility and trouble in connection with the position he accepts, but does not intend to grace.

An Inquest Held.

The body of a man named John Beesley, a brother-in-law of Mr. Chas McDougall, was brought to Macleod last night, and an inquest was commenced this morning before Coroner Anderton, with Messrs. Kellock, Dunlop, Bruce, J. Ryan, Murdoch, and E. C. Miller, as jury. Deceased is supposed to have been suffering from typhoid fever. He escaped into the bush and was found by the police who took him to their quarters on Saturday last, where he died on Monday. The inquest is being held to discover whether there was any neglect on the part of those having the care of the patient.—Macleod Gazette.

We with great pleasure, give the above paragraph from the Macleod Gazette. It would be well for our legislators in Manitoba to mark, learn and inwardly digest