

THE following paragraph, under the heading "A Doctor's Objection to Nurses," appeared in a recent issue of the "Birmingham Gazette:—

"At Bath yesterday afternoon, an inquest was held on the body of a little girl named Lowell, living at Stratford-on-Avon, who died at Bath Hospital, to which she was removed after sustaining severe injuries from burns at home. It transpired that the district nurse suggested the child's removal to the Hospital, because Dr. William Adye, of Stratford-on-Avon, who was called to the case, would not let the nurse have anything to do with it. The child's mother said Dr. Adye, on being told that the nurse had bound up the wounds, said "D— the nurse. I'll have nobody interfering." Dr. William Adye, in giving an explanation, said the remark about interference did refer to the nurse. He objected to nurses and to their interference. He had never found the want of a nurse. He had been at work a good many years, and thought people in patient's houses were fully capable of helping in cases. Nurses were not wanted twenty years ago, and he did not think they were wanted now.—A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned."

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WHAT a find for the R.B.N.A. ! We commend Dr. William Adye to the notice of the Hon. Officers of that Society. Would he not prove a "loyal member" and colleague? Sir James Crichton Brown need defer his long threatened resignation no longer—a worthy successor has arrived.

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THE Marchioness of Londonderry lately presided at the Newtownards District Nursing Society and said kind and encouraging things of the good work and the workers. "I note," she said, "with the greatest satisfaction, that the work of nursing the inhabitants of Newtownards in their own homes is being carried out in the most successful manner. When the society was first started I was convinced that the experiment would only have to be tried to prove that having a trained nurse was an absolute necessity. I am most thankful to find that my prognostications have been fulfilled, and that those who have benefited by Miss Love's ministrations are of my opinion. I entirely agree with the sentence in your report which deals with the subject of prevention of disease by a wider knowledge of sanitation laws, and in no way is such knowledge better diffused than by the practical teaching of a trained nurse. I am pleased to hear that our finances are in a flourishing condition, and beg to thank the collectors most heartily for the trouble they have taken in what is really the least agreeable portion of the work, and I should like to tender my thanks to Miss Weir for all she does, and to Miss Jamison also for the management of the work guild. I regret extremely Mr. Ledgerwood's absence from our society, as it was mainly due to his energy and kindness that the society was started on such a

favourable basis. The report itself is a tribute to Miss Love's efficiency, and I trust she may long remain with us, and continue to be the nurse at Newtownards."

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LADY LONDONDERRY also said, the subject of district nursing was one very close to her heart. Having in her time suffered severely from various illnesses, she felt for her poorer neighbours in similar circumstances, as it must make a vast difference where there is skilful nursing and where there is not. Therefore, she did what she could for district nursing, which had been so very successful wherever it had been established. She was delighted to find that this society was in a flourishing state, and she hoped it would long continue to be so.

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At the Annual Meeting of the Chester General Infirmary, liberal praise was accorded to Miss M. F. Barrow, the Matron, for her excellent management.

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WE are sometimes asked by nurses, "When are we going to have registration?" and the answer we invariably give is, "When you really desire it." For what a person really desires she works for, and when we have a large majority of trained nurses working for this end, then the public will be educated, and no reform is ever carried until backed by the force of public opinion. Trained nurses have exceptional opportunities for educating popular feeling, and it is by their individual effort, that the public will be—*is being*—educated. It is merely a matter of earnestness of purpose on the part of individual nurses, not of work on the part of the leaders of their profession. The work of both must go hand in hand, neither can afford to do without the other.

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IT behoves all nurses, therefore, carefully to study the question, to know what they want and why they want it, and then to set their minds to get it. To this end it is desirable that some conclusion as to what should be included in a nursing curriculum, and what should be a minimum standard of qualification, should be arrived at, because if when the question of registration comes forward the Nursing Profession is not agreed as to what it wishes to register it will be difficult, if not impossible, for any other body to decide this question.

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AND one point which is considerably exercising the minds of those who are considering this matter is whether or no evidence of a knowledge of obstetric nursing shall be required as necessary for registration. There would seem to be a

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