

capable one they ever had. She did it in the most business-like way. The woman who was appointed to succeed Miss Addams as inspector of street cleaning, had taken a scholarship in Sanscrit, and was considered the flower of the university where she graduated.

The first factory law in Illinois was planned and outlined by a woman, who had been appointed Factory Inspector by Governor Altgeld. In inspecting, she found there was so little legislative protection for children that she secured the passage of a protective statute law. But when the law was passed, she could not get any lawyer to prosecute, and so she studied law and was admitted to the bar, so that she might prosecute, and she is now looked on as an expert.

In New York, the women on the State Charities Aid Association, have been of immense help to the community.

You are doubtless familiar with Miss Graffenried's work. She is one of Carroll D. Wright's most effective assistants, and is accurate and reliable, and she has collected most valuable data upon labour matters and statistics generally, relating to people and homes.

The Kindergarten in Hartford was started by women, as well as in many other cities.

In New York there has been medical inspection of the public schools established, and although no nurse has been inspector, the discoveries of some nurses that children who were desquamating from scarlet fever and who were still having diphtheritic throats, were attending the public schools, had some effect in securing the necessary appropriation.

There are now some of the nurses of the city who have the right to use the name of the Board of Health, but it is rather a complimentary relationship, and has only a semi-official character. They have been presented with badges on which is borne the name of the Board of Health, showing that it will support them. In the public lectures which are provided for the city by the Board of Education, one nurse has for two years been on the lecture list.

I might go on and tell of individual cases. I think the people, as a whole, believe very much in the practical work that the trained nurse can do, so that it would be less difficult to urge their appointment on health and education boards, than women of almost any other profession. However, there is one subject that, as citizens, we shall have to undertake, in the interest of all as well as for our profession, and that is to help on civil service reform. If the spoils system is the only one by which appointments are made, women will not have a chance; but

if they are made on the merit system, trained nurses will come in for their share. Such further education as they would receive, would be the only necessary plea for their appointment.

The one idea I wish above all to bring out is, that among the many opportunities for civic and altruistic work pressing on all sides, nurses having superior advantages in their practical training should not rest content with being only nurses, but should use their talents wherever possible in reform and civic movements.

"League News."

THE first copy of the *League News*, the organ of the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses, is in our hands, and we congratulate all concerned upon its appearance. It is excellently edited, the size is most convenient, the paper and printing both admirable. The cover is a pleasant shade of green, upon which the name and the Badge of the League appear in black. The first number being such a success, one wonders what dimensions it will assume when the League has been in existence for some years. The editorial is bright and well written, and the hospital notes contain chit-chat with regard to the doings of members, which is most welcome to those who have left the hospital; then there are letters from members of the staff abroad, and a list of the nurses recently certificated, while there is quite a peal of marriage bells. There is a list of the members of the staff at present in South Africa, and an account of the Inaugural Meeting on December 4th. Then follow the Notices, and a list of the names and addresses of members. Bart's nurses have been true to the motto of the hospital "Nulli secundus," in the establishment of this journal, for we believe there is no other general training school in which, as yet, the nursing staff has a journal of its own. Soon, no doubt, it will be one of many Nursing School Journals.

The Medical, Surgical, and Hygienic Exhibition.

THE Medical, Surgical, and Hygienic Exhibition will be held at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, on June 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th. This exhibition is now an annual occurrence to which we look forward with considerable pleasure and interest. We would ask our readers to note that the the NURSING RECORD Stall is No. 98, and that nurses in uniform are admitted free.

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