

be efficiently educated, trained, and disciplined, but they would, as all other nurses do, work under the direction of the medical practitioner. We can see no reason for legalising an obsolete vocation which flourished, as did the barber-surgeons, before the days of registered medical practitioners and trained nurses. These two professions of affiliated workers, should, if properly organized, meet all the needs of sick and and lying-in persons. We have now no use for the specialist midwife.

### Marriage Bells.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place in March, between Mr. Francis Charles Abbott, F.R.C.S., of St. Thomas' Hospital, second son of the late Rev. Arthur Robert Abbott, vicar of Gorleston, Suffolk, and Pauline L'Estrange, 4, Upper Gloucester Place, third daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Harry Peisley L'Estrange, of Moystown, King's County.

This will interest the staff of the National Fund for the Greek Wounded (now scattered all over the world, in India, China, South Africa, and Brazil) who took part in caring for the sick and wounded in the Græco-Turkish war. The Sisters specially will remember with a sense of gratitude the kindness of Mr. Abbott, who acted as senior medical officer to the Fund in Greece, and will join us in expressing hearty good wishes for his future happiness and success.

### Another Nurse Fraud.

Jessie Gray, a woman of about 40 years of age, wearing a brown nursing uniform, and who described herself as a nurse, was recently charged at Worship Street with having stolen several articles of jewellery belonging to Eliza Ballatine, a general servant, who gave evidence to show that the prisoner, with whom she had previously worked, stayed at her mother's house as a lodger from Saturday to Monday, and a box containing a ring and some brooches was missed shortly after her departure from the house. On being accused of taking these articles, and charged at the police station, one of the missing brooches was found upon the prisoner. On being told that she could give evidence herself with regard to the brooch the prisoner went into the witness box and was sworn in the Scotch fashion. She at first asserted that the brooch was fastened on her blouse out of malice, but later dramatically acknowledged "I admit I pawned the things, and the pawnticket is in the room." She was taken back to the dock and remanded for inquiry.

### Nursing Echoes.

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We are glad to hear that the senior Matrons of the Metropolitan Asylums Board are desirous that the Nursing Department of this important body shall be directly represented at the Nurses Congress at Buffalo, and are considering the advisability of accepting the courteous invitation from the American Committee. Miss Ross, the energetic Matron of the Western Fever Hospital has accepted a seat on the Congress sub-committee of the Matrons' Council, of which many of the Matrons of the Fever Hospitals are members.

The official invitation addressed to the Nurses' Co-operation, New Cavendish Street, was brought before its committee at a recent meeting. We have no doubt that if the members of this Society have the matter placed before them, that they will naturally wish that the "Co-op," which was the first, as it is the largest private nurses' association in the Kingdom, should take part in this important professional gathering of nurses. With 500 members the individual contributions would be infinitesimal.

Presumably the nurse members of the poor old R. B. N. A. have not even been informed that they have been invited to send a delegate. No doubt the hon. officers would consider it highly dangerous to suggest that "a mere nurse" should be officially appointed to represent a Nurses' Association. We remember that Dr. Bezly Thorne had himself appointed in this connection at the Buda-Pest Congress, when he read that historic paper pledging the Association to State Registration of Nurses, a principle denied by his medical clique who now "govern" the Association. Personally, we should just like to hear one of these "cock Matrons" crowing at the coming Congress. The *dénouement* would be vastly amusing. Imagine the wit of our American colleagues brought to bear upon the verbose bluster and twaddle, by which its members are kept "to heel."

Our readers will regret to learn that the Local Government Board has directed that Miss

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