

the physician and pharmacist; the former *prescribes*, the latter *compounds*, and the nurse *administers* the remedy. This trio unites in one grand effort to restore the health of the patient.

As State Registration has elevated the standard of physician and pharmacist, so will it elevate the standard of the trained nurse, thus giving better and more uniform service to the physician and patient, and also prove an additional safeguard to the nursing profession.

#### REGISTRATION BILLS IN NEW YORK.

Three Nurses' Registration Bills have been introduced into the New York State Legislature. It is regrettable that the one drawn up by the Legislative Committee of the New York State Nurses' Association, after much consideration, is not solely adopted, as the introduction of several Bills cannot fail to lessen the chances of legislation. The tussle in the United States over registration is largely increased, as in this country, by the economic question. Numbers of half-trained women are opposed to registration because they fear that when there is an accepted standard of nursing education, and the public is able to estimate whether a nurse has attained this standard, or not, they will not command, as they do at present, the fees of thoroughly trained nurses. Then, again, there are in America many Home Hospitals run by medical men upon lines which, from a nursing point of view, do not commend themselves to those interested in nursing organisation, and opposition may be reckoned on from this quarter. In this country Nursing Homes are not unfrequently run for gain by half-trained or untrained women, but, amongst these, various Homes have been brought into such unsavoury prominence that when a Bill is brought before the Legislature of this country we do not anticipate insurmountable opposition in this direction.

#### REGISTRATION IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

We hear from New South Wales that the nurses are only content with the lines on which they are organised as proving by voluntary action their desire for State Registration. Legal status is the aim of all the intelligent members of the various organisations, and they hope soon to bring the matter before the Federal Parliament. Their present harmonious co-operation should make it quite easy to attain their ambition.

#### STATE REGISTRATION AT HOME.

There is a strong feeling amongst many of the supporters of State Registration in this country that the time has now come for a Bill to be drawn for presentation to the House of Commons. This will therefore be proposed at the Conference on the subject which is convened for Friday, May 8th, at 3 p.m., at 20, Hanover Square, the full agenda of which will be found on page 342.

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An intimation has been received in Aldershot that Her Royal Highness Princess Louise is likely to pay a visit there to open the new military hospital recently taken over by the War Department at Alton, Hants, and which, under Col. Rainsford, is to be used mainly as a health resort for convalescent soldiers, for which its ideal situation and pure air render it eminently suitable. The opening is, it is understood, to take place some time in May.

The Rev. F. Lawrence, Vicar of Westow, near York, is doing excellent work in drawing attention to the duty of active kindness to animals. In the course of an address given at a recent date, at the Home for Working Boys, Fournier Street, Spitalfields, he said the fact that man holds lordship over animals rendered it the more shameful for him to inflict upon them heedless pain, and the more obligatory upon him to treat them, not with mere mercy, but with active kindness. The life of the Founder of the Christian faith was a showing forth of active love for every living being; hence it was the duty of every Christian to show friendly consideration for animals, who are man's fellow creatures, who can feel, who are comparatively weaker than man, and who are useful in many ways. The Church of England was essentially a sanitary association, caring as well for the body as the soul. It taught temperance, sobriety, and chastity, and, if allowed full scope, would build up a nation of healthy and strong men and women living and working in the fear of God. The fidelity of many animals to man certainly merits some return.

A pleasant incident recently took place at the Wolverhampton Workhouse Infirmary. During the course of a social gathering of nurses and officers arranged by the Superintendent Nurse, Miss Carter, for the purpose of wishing prosperity and success to three Charge Nurses who were leaving the institution, a travelling clock was presented by Dr. Galbraith to the Senior Charge Nurse, Sister Cheatham. In making the presentation Dr. Galbraith said that the duties of nurses in union infirmaries were always heavy and often distasteful, while in order to fulfil their mission they must not permit the ingratitude sometimes, though by no means always, met with to affect kindness of manner and urgent

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