

place the woman who is compelled to join it because disqualified by age (over thirty-five years) from obtaining a vacancy in a large training-school. We have all of us known women who make remarkably good nurses although unable for various reasons to begin work whilst within the recognised age limit. Institutions of the group *c* are the only door through which they can enter the nursing profession.

The case of the probationer in a special hospital is almost identical with that of the young girl whom we have considered above. Here, too, committees are compelled for financial reasons to enlist the services of probationers, and indeed there is no reason why these should not profit by the very valuable instruction given. A year's work in a well-managed institution of this class is not to be despised, but it certainly ought to be allowed to count as part of a nurse's training. Instances are not uncommon where women have had a couple of years' work in hospitals of class *c*, where the beds are chiefly for surgical cases, and have then taken another year or so in a fever hospital for medical experience, going on to a third institution for gynaecology and midwifery; it is absurd that such a nurse should not have the right to consider herself "fully trained." On the other hand, she deserves every encouragement for endeavouring to fit herself for the exigencies of her profession.

It is for nurses of this type equally with the aristocracy of the profession from the fully-equipped training school that we are working; Registration meaning not only the enrolling of the individual nurse, but also the recognition as training-schools of those institutions willing to affiliate themselves into groups sufficiently representative of all classes of work for educational purposes.

Thus only shall we eliminate the woman who at present poses as a nurse after three months' work in a cottage hospital or some such kindred institution.

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### A Text-book on Gynaecology.

We have received an interesting book on Gynaecological Nursing, by Miss Netta Stewart, Sister in the Extra-Mural Gynaecological Wards of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. It is dedicated to Miss Spencer, Superintendent of Nurses at this Infirmary, and has a short preface by Sir Halliday Croom, President of the British Gynaecological Society. We welcome a book by an experienced nurse on this somewhat neglected subject, and hope to review it at an early date. In the words of Sir Halliday Croom, "in many respects it is unique, and it is throughout useful and practical."

### Rules for the School of Matrons for the Motherhouses of the German Red Cross.

1. The Central Committee of the German Society of the Red Cross has come to an agreement with the Bavarian Women's Association that a school for Matrons should be established in the Motherhouse of Munich, under the superintendence of Fraulein von Wallmenich.

2. The Matrons school undertakes the task of training suitable Sisters according to a certain plan, so that they shall be fitted to superintend a Motherhouse of the Red Cross.

3. The Sisters who present themselves for training must be of good family, possess a good general education, and, as a rule, have had two years' experience as Sister.

4. Application for admission must be made to the Superintendent of the Motherhouse of the Bavarian Women's Association, Sister-Superintendent Clementine von Wallmenich, Munich, Nymphenburgerstrasse 163.

The home, or birth, certificate must be shown, also a medical certificate giving evidence of a very good condition of health, a short biography also, and testimonials respecting courses of education, and some previous experience as Sister, combined with a written engagement to give service after training for at least three years in a Motherhouse of the Red Cross, or, in case of an earlier withdrawal, to pay the cost of training, viz. 300 m. A guarantee can be demanded by the Motherhouse which is giving the training.

5. The training lasts for five months, and concludes with an examination and giving of a diploma. This is free. The candidates live in the Motherhouse of Munich, accommodate themselves to the arrangements of the household, but give no service.

6. The Matrons' school is placed under a Commission, which is composed of a representative of the German Central Committee and of the union of German hospitals of the Red Cross, and of the Bavarian Central Committee and the President of the First Division and of the Matron.

7. The training comprises the three requirements of a Motherhouse: (1) Management of the nursing; (2) Management of the household; (3) Selection, education, and guidance of the Sisters.

It consists of:—

(a) The practical instruction which the great activity of the Munich Institution offers—an institution which possesses a moderately-furnished hospital with 150 beds and three theatres, a nursing home as a centre for 158 trained nurses and about thirty probationers, who work besides in fifty-three out-stations as district nurses and as monthly nurses.

(b) Systematic critical conferences of all arrangements, regulations, instructions, and rules which control the service and personal life of the Sisters.

(c) Theoretical courses on ethics, pedagogy, general management, domestic and hygienic arrangements in hospitals, on food, assurance, the Poor Law, simple commercial book-keeping, and further study in the French and English languages.

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