

plan first to dictate the recipe, then to give the demonstration, and at the end of the lesson to ask each of the audience to write the recipe on a slip of paper. Only too often when in a patient's house I ask a probationer if she can make beef-tea or some simple thing of that nature, she replies, "No; but I have it all written out at the Home," and it seems difficult to make her believe that the only notebook of use for these everyday matters would be her own brain.

Progress of State Registration.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick is to give evidence before the Select Committee on Nursing as we go to press, one of the features of which will be circumstantial evidence of 100 nursing scandals wherein nurses, or those persons posing as nurses, have been tried for crimes ranging from murder to petty thefts; and the working of Registration Acts now in force in our Colonies.

Miss L. L. Dock will be the next witness, and will offer evidence on the effects of Registration in the United States.

A meeting to consider State Registration of Trained Nurses and the formation of a lay Association for promoting this reform, will be held at Londonderry House on Tuesday, May 16, at 12 noon. Lady Londonderry will preside, and Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, Miss Isla Stewart, Miss Amy Hughes, and Miss Mollett will be amongst the speakers.

More congratulations to our American cousins. The Colorado Bill for State Registration has passed, and is printed in the Official Department of that State, together with an account of the political campaign. This makes the eighth State which has granted legal status to nurses, three Bills having passed into law this year.

The nurse promoters of the Colorado Bill received warm congratulations from the members of both Senate and House for the faithful and persistent work done in connection with their Bill; and the pen with which Governor MacDonald signed this important measure is now in the possession of the Colorado State Nurses' Association.

Miss Sophia Palmer gave an interesting report of the effect of Registration on the training-schools of New York State, at the fourth annual meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association. The report showed that many changes had been taking place—quietly, but none the less surely—all over the country; that a very lively and healthy fear of falling short of the standards is at work, stimu-

lating the efforts of hospital and training-school boards to make their course of training come up to the requirements of the Board of Examiners. There is also shown a spirit of tolerance, a better feeling between the larger and the smaller institutions, as in many cases the latter must depend upon the former to complete the training of their nurses; or it may be that the larger must turn to the smaller for some special branch, as, for instance, obstetrics, or contagious fever nursing. Miss Palmer's report was warmly applauded.

"The Pennsylvania Bill has," the *American Journal of Nursing* says, "been defeated through the influence of medical men who have private interests of a commercial character at stake." We presume this to mean that these gentlemen run nursing homes and nurse farms on lines which would exclude their protégées from registration. Such institutions do exist in the States, extraordinary as it may appear.

The Massachusetts Registration Bill has been withdrawn, and reading between the lines of the *American Journal of Nursing*, it is apparent that the same instinct of self-preservation upon the part of certain medical men who run the Waltham and Framingham Schools, was the factor which squandered the proposed measure, a measure which had the support of the leading Matrons and nurses in the State. But these are merely isolated instances of lack of sympathy with legislation for trained nurses on just lines, and all the nurses of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts have to do is to stand together loyally.

Wedding Bells.

On April 4th, at the Peak Church, Hong Kong, the marriage took place of Miss Edith Maude Pottinger, third daughter of General Pottinger, late R.A., to Captain Claude Ivor Williams, I.M. Customs.

The bride, who has been a Sister at the Peak Hospital since August, 1905, was trained at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, and subsequently worked for a year as a Sister in Northern Nigeria.

The wedding was a very quiet one, and Captain and Mrs. Williams left immediately after the ceremony for Japan, where the honeymoon will be spent.

The marriage is also announced of Dr. F. Gröne, D.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer of Health for Hong Kong, and Miss Dorothy Mutter, late Sister of Coborn Ward, which took place on March 25th.

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