

The Quarterly, which is the name of an admirable little magazine published by the Illinois State Association of Graduate Nurses, has some forcible expressions of opinion on State Registration. For the second time last session the Governor of the State vetoed the Nurses' Registration Bill, although it had passed with flying colours both Senate and House.

But Illinois nurses may take heart of grace. They have been working for registration for four years—we in this country for *eighteen*—and we are both quite sure to get it in the future if we work earnestly for it.

The Quarterly asks:—"Is there any right-minded, thinking graduate nurse who does not believe that State Registration is the crying need of the nurses and of the public? Probably not.

"What we need is, first for ourselves *all* to understand just what State Registration means; namely, the protection, first, of the suffering public from unskilled and positively harmful nursing; and second, ourselves from those who claim without right to be our equals. Then knowing this well ourselves, daily, in season and out of season, to preach this knowledge into the public ear until public sentiment sufficient for our Bill is created. Then and not until then shall we succeed."

This is advice British as well as American nurses will do well to follow. It is public sentiment after all that rules legislation, even in the most conservative country. We must exercise our influence upon the political mass if we wish its representatives in the Government to pass our Registration Bill.

As Sister M. Ignatius Fleming of the Mercy Hospital, Chicago, writes:—

"Like Cato of old, who finished all his orations with 'Carthage must fall,' our war cry must continue to be 'State Registration.'"

"Practical Points" Competition.

We desire to draw attention to the Prize Competition, of which the conditions are published on the last page of this issue. We hope that many of our readers will enter for this competition, for there must be many acquainted with methods of practical nursing detail which are practised in their own training school, which they have evolved for themselves, or with which they have become acquainted. We hope they will describe these methods.

Illustrations are not compulsory, but add greatly to the interest of such "points."

League News.

PARISH OF NOTTINGHAM NURSES' LEAGUE.

The current number of the League Journal of the Parish of Nottingham Infirmary, the issue of which has been somewhat delayed owing to the regrettable indisposition of the Editor, Miss E. F. Dwight, contains much interesting news.

A letter from a member in China gives a vivid description of a Chinese wedding:—"The bride was arrayed in most gorgeous colours. Her long coat and trousers were of light lilac silk with a border of dark blue ribbon, which was decorated with a pattern of flowers. Over the coat she had on another, made (without sleeves) of light blue figured silk. She also had a very pretty head-dress of artificial flowers. She arrived in a gorgeous red chair accompanied by a band, which played at intervals, making a most weird noise. The chair was carried right into the church, and the bride walked up the nave between two women, her head covered with a red cloth. The bridegroom wore a hat with red cords hanging from the centre, and was girt about the shoulders and waist with a red scarf. He was carried in a green chair which is kept for the purpose." After the ceremony the husband and wife in succession did "obeisance" to those who went to wish them well, kneeling on the red mat and bowing the head twice.

THE LEAGUE OF ST. JOHN'S HOUSE NURSES.

The recent issue of the *St. John's House News* is an excellent number, professional in tone, and keeping its members in touch with the most important events in relation to nursing organisation and progress. The Report of the Hon. Secretary, Miss Mary Burr, shows that the League is alive to its corporate responsibilities, amongst the details reported being the Resolution sent to the Board of Trade protesting against the Incorporation of the Society for Promoting the Higher Education of Nurses. Reference was also made to the power resulting from increased unity amongst nurses, enabling them to effectively voice their protest when the scheme was made public through the medium of this journal. The Report also noted the relationship established by the League with the nurses of other countries through affiliation with the Provisional Committee of the National Council in this country, and thus with the International Council of Nurses.

Miss Laura Baker presented a report as the Delegate of the League on the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses, and Miss Waugh her report of the Proceedings of the Provisional Committee of the National Council.

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