

space, which should have been devoted to the exposition of women's labour. Nurses and midwives have a special grievance, as nursing is practically non-existent, and midwifery has not even an inch of space.

The Ladies' Committee have handed over all the space available for a nursing exhibit to the London Hospital, which is, of course, being utilised as an advertisement of that institution, the most prominent objects at present on view being large money boxes attached to the section for the alms of the charitable! The exhibit, mostly composed of ward furniture which is not made by women, is still under cover, so we must wait till it is complete before reviewing it at length. Anyway, the site is far too cramped to do anything like justice to the practical application of trained nursing, and as the nursing profession at large have been excluded from taking any part in exhibiting the work their combined efforts have perfected, we fear our French friends who are looking forward to learning our various methods, will be bitterly disappointed with the little advertisement of the London Hospital.

The Ladies' Committee, on which practical working women are not represented, have incurred a grave responsibility in thus depriving trained nurses of their right to exhibit their work in the Women's Palace. Surely at least there will be something in this building to remind nurses who visit it of what they owe to the genius of Florence Nightingale.

The same problems apparently confront nurses at home and abroad. Here in London numbers of men and women keep private nursing homes who have never received training as nurses in their lives, and from far-away Melbourne comes the question of a country nurse asking the Royal Victoria Trained Nurses' Association if it can do anything to prevent untrained women from keeping private hospitals? Nothing can stop this abuse, from which the sick suffer so much, excepting State Registration. The public will then demand a professional guarantee, and can see that it has it. When entering a nursing home, at present, it is at the mercy of any ignorant woman who considers it more genteel and lucrative to run a nursing home than preside over a boarding house. We have to thank the anti-registrationists for the continuance of this danger to the lives of the sick public.

So many accidents of burning from contact with hot water bottles have of late occurred amongst the patients of one eminent London

surgeon that he has now made it a rule that the hot water bottle is to be removed from the bed just before the patient is placed in it. He considers this precaution necessary, as patients and their friends naturally object to the prolonged suffering and expense which is entailed by such burns. Surely some covering could be devised for hot bottles which would render them safe even in the beds of unconscious patients. It reflects upon the inventive faculty of our profession if this cannot be done.

It is proposed to organise a Nurses' Cooperation at Birmingham. Miss Turner, who has managed the Manchester and Salford Institution for several years, attended a meeting in Birmingham on Tuesday and explained the details.

This month's *La Garde-Malade Hospitalière* has an appreciative review of "A History of Nursing," by Dr. Anna Hamilton. Our professional journals soon bring the nurses of the world into intimate touch. Who, we wonder, will be the benefactor to French-speaking women of translating this great work.

All information connected with the Nursing Session, at the International Congress on Tuberculosis, to be held at Washington, U.S.A., from September 28th to October 3rd, can be obtained from Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary, Fayetteville, Franklin Co., Pa., United States of America. Both Miss Nutting and Miss Dock are greatly interested in having Nursing well to the fore at this important Congress.

A clinician, says an American Exchange, is defined as one who is a trained bedside observer. To become an expert clinician should be a part of the ambitions of every nurse. Expertness in this line requires that both the eye and the mind are trained. The psychologists tell us that the eyes are organs of vision, but the mind is the organ of perception. It is quite possible to see and yet not perceive, and there are nurses in all our hospitals who daily see things, but fail to perceive them.

The study of symptoms is never finished while a nurse has anything to do with sickness or any responsibility for the health of any individual. It does not require a stated class hour or elaborate paraphernalia to teach valuable lessons in bedside observations. It does require that physicians and head nurses be "apt to teach" and willing to use the opportunities that daily present themselves in every hospital ward.

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