

demanding by the work, the course must be an elective one open to graduates.

It may be that the Social Service Departments, so rapidly becoming a necessary part of our hospitals, will supply this very need, or the solution may be found in special courses given in the schools for social workers.

Find the solution we surely must, for until we realise the almost inestimable scope in social work and are ready to make some effort to fit ourselves for it, we are in danger of its passing out of our reach and becoming the sole possession of the enthusiastic and able social worker.

In closing, I would like to say a word about the nursing work of the Boston Consumptives' Hospital Out-patient Department.

We have a staff of nine visiting nurses; only graduates of general hospitals are eligible.

The question of material relief in the homes is considered in conference with the Associated Charities' Organisation. Through the courtesy of its secretary and assistant treasurer, Miss Higgins, each nurse is a member of the conference of her district.

At these weekly meetings she not only discusses her own cases and forms a course of action, but she becomes familiar with ways and means of helping those where calamities other than sickness have given need of private aid. In turn, when the nurse is known to a family, she is often asked to act in a double capacity, and become friendly visitor in the home.

Every fortnight the nurses meet in conference, reports are made of the various organisations visited, and used in their constructive case work. To these conferences are asked the leaders and representatives of other philanthropies, who give illustrations and explain the problems peculiar to their particular interest. General discussion follows.

When the schools are again in session, two of our nurses will take a special course in the Boston School for Social Workers. This course requires six hours' work a week, involving two three-hour sessions.

To accomplish this social side of a nurse's work, necessarily, takes her often from the homes of her district; but all who are interested in the development of the nurse along social lines are ready to grant these privileges.

Since the campaign against tuberculosis means all that will in any way improve the physical and social condition of the patient and prevent the spread of disease, the visiting nurse is recognised as one specially fitted to take part in the campaign.

How can we best stimulate the profession to a wide and strong belief in the important

part it has to fill in the anti-tuberculosis crusade?

To know the work is to be interested in it.

Perhaps an appeal made by the various tuberculosis associations and dispensaries to the local nurses' homes, registeries, and Alumnae Associations, asking a few days' volunteer services of the nurses off duty would prove valuable both to the associations and nurses.

Until our training school curriculum includes the care of the poor in their homes, the work must be met and carried by pioneers.

To-day the situation demands the very best women the profession can offer to do this pioneer work.

### A Vote of Thanks to Lord Amphill.

On Tuesday last nurses who have so often met at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., to further the Bill which is to give them their legal status, gathered there to express their warm thanks to Lord Amphill for his able championship of their cause in the House of Lords, resulting in the passing of the Nurses' Registration Bill in that House on the 10th inst. The chair was taken by Miss Isla Stewart, President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses. Before moving the first Resolution, Miss Stewart called upon Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, who reported many letters from Matrons and others who were unable to be present, but who wished to support the vote of thanks to Lord Amphill.

Amongst them one from Miss Heather-Bigg, Matron of Charing Cross Hospital, who had hoped to be present, and second a resolution, who wrote:—

"I am so sorry I shall not be able to attend the meeting, but I should like to express our indebtedness to Lord Amphill for all he has done on behalf of Registration."

Miss E. S. Haldane, LL.D., Chairman of the Scottish Registration Committee, also wrote:—

"I should like to come to the meeting to-morrow if possible, but am not sure if I can manage it. If not, will you express my regret. Lord Amphill deserves much gratitude from us all. He has fought nobly for the cause."

Miss Sidney Browne, R.R.C., late Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S., wrote:—

"I am exceedingly sorry I cannot attend the meeting to-morrow to join in the vote of thanks to Lord Amphill for his splendid services in carrying the Registration Bill through the House of Lords. I think all nurses, and those who need

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