

of fumigation and sterilisation, consumptives were admitted promiscuously to the hospitals. At my urgent request, our Board of Directors began to refuse all such cases of consumption and intestinal tuberculosis, and within three years not a hospital in the city, excepting the Alms House, would admit such cases. In the past four years, the Insane Hospitals provide special and up-to-date care for their consumptive patients. We have also a few private sanatoria for consumptives; but to the great masses of white and negro poor only the Alms Houses are opened. These give little more than shelter and simple food, little, if any, instruction and scientific care. Public safety calls for more sanatoria, but especially for hospitals for the incurable consumptive poor.

The State, public health boards, religious organisations, wealthy men and women, must accept the expense and responsibility of providing these hospitals, if the scattering broadcast of tubercular infection is to be restricted and stamped out. How long must this call be so feebly answered? As Miss Fulmer has said, "Why this dearth of soldiers in this modern warfare against this overwhelming, insidious enemy?" The reward is great. What is greater than saving to our homes and State human lives, whose waste is now so far beyond accurate reckoning?

### Fever Nurses' Association.

We are asked by Dr. Biernacki, one of the Hon. Secretaries of the Fever Nurses' Association, to give space to the following notice:—

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO TRAINED FEVER NURSES.

The Association is now prepared to admit trained fever nurses to membership. Nurses with fever training only must have had at least two years' experience in a fever hospital containing at least fifty beds, or in not more than two hospitals of this size, for a total period of two years. If they have worked in more than two hospitals during the two years, they will still be eligible if the hospitals do not belong to more than two different authorities. Nurses with general training must have had at least six months' experience under the same conditions as regards the size of the fever hospital. The admission of nurse-members implies their registration by the Association as trained fever nurses and entitles them to a certificate of registration.

It is hoped that all nurses whose training meets the required conditions will register at once and thus obtain the advantages mentioned below. The conditions will be made

more stringent when the Association's scheme of training is instituted. After two years no fever nurse will be admitted to the register unless she is trained under this scheme and passes the final examination controlled by the Association. Moreover, all candidates will have to be trained in hospitals recognised by the Education Committee.

There is an urgent reason why fever nurses should join the Association without delay. Under the Nurses' Registration Act, which has passed the House of Lords, recognition is granted to training received in general hospitals, workhouse infirmaries, and asylums for the insane, but in no form to fever training. The Council of the Fever Nurses' Association is seeking to have fever training so recognised that, under State Registration, it will be registered as an additional qualification in the case of nurses who are also general-trained. This will give fever nursing the status to which it is entitled, and will have a definite value when fever nurses are applying for posts. The Council feels that the whole body of fever trained nurses should be with it in obtaining this reform, and trusts that the nurses will give their support by joining the Association.

As a result of organisation it is also hoped that, in due course, fever training will be taken into account when a nurse goes on to general training, so that the general training may be shortened to some extent.

The advantages offered by the Association to nurse-members are:—

1. Admission to the register of the Association and the possession of a certificate of such registration. In this way the status of the trained fever nurse will be to some extent protected as against women whose fever training is merely nominal.
2. The opportunity of obtaining advice from the Executive Committee in matters affecting their interests as individuals.
3. Better chances of securing good posts in view of the Association's policy of making registration by the Association a recognised standard of efficiency.
4. The right to attend meetings of the Association at which matters affecting the general interests of fever nurses will be discussed.

Nurses wishing to join the Association can obtain forms of application from members of the Council of the Association or by writing to one of the joint honorary secretaries: Miss L. A. Morgan, Matron, Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill, London, N. The annual subscription for nurse-members is two shillings and sixpence. Nurses joining under present conditions are not required to pay the additional registration fee.

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