

to know that "training" is valued abroad—if not at home—and is appreciated as a qualification—where the health of the community is concerned.

The United States Bureau of Education has issued a bulletin on the "Educational Status of Nursing," by Miss M. Adelaide Nutting, Director of the Department of Nursing and Health at Teachers' College, Columbia University (Bulletin 1912, No. 7). We have only space at present to say in reference to this that it should be in the hands of every Chairman of a hospital, and of every Matron before she enters upon this responsible office.

A Bill has been introduced in the Maryland State Legislature compelling all factories and other shops employing more than fifty females to maintain a hospital room, with a female attendant, where appliances and remedies for accidents and injuries can be installed.

The report of the Calcutta Hospitals and Nurses' Institution for 1911 states that the institution was supporting 165 nurses employed in the Presidency General, Medical College and connected Hospitals, including the Eden, Prince of Wales, Ezra, Eye, Isolation and Indian Paying Patients' Hospitals. A number of Government and private pupil nurses and dhais are also trained and employed in the Eden Hospital.

The supervision and training of the nursing staff at the Presidency General Hospital is still undertaken by the Sisters of the Community of St. John the Baptist of Clewer. At the Medical College group of Hospitals the nursing staff has, since November, 1910, been trained and supervised by a Lady Superintendent and three Senior Nursing Sisters engaged in England, who replaced the Clewer Sisters when the work of supervising the two groups of Hospitals became too large for their community to undertake.

Lieut.-Colonel F. J. Drury, M.B., I.M.S., Principal, Medical College, Calcutta, reports on the work of these ladies as follows:—

"The grateful thanks of the whole Staff of the Medical College Hospital and the allied Hospitals are due to Miss Stephenson and the Senior Nursing Sisters for the very able manner in which they have supervised and improved our Nursing since they took over these duties just 15 months ago. Such vast improvements have been brought about that it is impossible for me in a short note to notice them all. The individual nurses are becoming much more alive to the work required of them, and duties which were before regarded as unnecessary and degrading are now being discharged quite cheerfully and naturally, as

the rightful routine of their daily work. The number of nurses sanctioned for us is not over large, and it has been difficult during the year to keep the number up to the strength. The intricate problem of nursing the Indian Paying Patients' blocks has been solved by Miss Stephenson, and the satisfactory arrangements she has made for this are greatly appreciated by the patients, as is shown by the fact that the rooms are generally nearly full. More nurses are required for the Ezra and Eye Hospitals as well as for a new children's ward which is about to be opened in the Medical College Hospital.

THE SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the above Society will be held at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, W., on Friday, June 7, at 4 p.m., and it is hoped that members will make a point of attending.

We have great pleasure in announcing that Dr. W. A. Chapple, M.P. for Stirlingshire—for many years in practice as a medical man in New Zealand, and who is deeply interested in the question of Nurses' Registration, will address the meeting—an address which will be of the greater value, as he will speak from personal experience of its benefit to the community and the nurses in that Dominion.

Three important resolutions will be found on the Agenda—(1) Calling on the Government to give time in the House of Commons for the second reading of the Nurses' Registration Bill; (2) congratulations to the Australasian, Canadian, and American nurses in those States where new Acts for registration are passed; and (3) expressing regret at the exclusion of the Trained Nurses' Organizations from direct representation on the Advisory Committees—a privilege granted to medical women and midwives.

Nothing can prove more profoundly the helplessness of trained nurses in the body politic than the fact that factory girls and domestic servants have been granted representation on the Advisory Committees, and these classes can therefore express an opinion on nursing matters, whilst the great body, at least 50,000 in number, of the skilled nurses in this country are excluded from speaking through their organizations for themselves.

We hope for a full gathering on the 7th to pass resolution 3 with spirit.

The King and Queen will attend the 10.30 morning service at St. Paul's Cathedral on Hospital Sunday, June 9th:

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