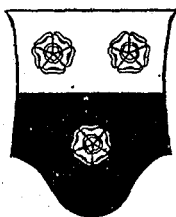


A third case was that of a lady, aged 23, who had been deaf from colds for an uncertain period, and had neglected treatment. The removal of adenoids abolished her tendency to frequent colds, but a course of treatment by ordinary methods did not improve her deafness. Her hardness of hearing was not very marked, but it was steadily progressing, and, as it was impossible to supervise her at the distance at which she lived in the country, she elected to try the hot-air method. At its commencement her hearing for the whisper was:—Right ear, 32 inches, left, 34 inches. At the end of nearly two months it had increased to:—Right ear, 94 inches, left ear, 74 inches, and the symptom of hearing better in a noise (from which she also suffered), had disappeared.

The results obtained in these three cases are sufficiently encouraging to induce one to try the method further. It would be too optimistic to expect success in every case, and it must be confessed that in one or two instances results have not reached to quite the same excellence. In the earlier days of a new treatment, however, there is always to be found plenty of room for improvement, and I am confident that with further experience the method will be made more perfect and still better results obtained.

### The League of the Royal South Hants Nurses.



We have pleasure in being able to reproduce the design of the badge adopted by the League of the Royal South Hants Nurses. It is the old shield of Southampton, and bears the three Tudor roses. It was a happy thought of the League to identify itself thus with the town to which it belongs. Incidentally it

is of interest to notice the fondness of nurses for Badges. The League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses, the League of St. John's House Nurses, and the League of the Royal South Hants Nurses all decided at their first meeting to adopt a Badge, and very appropriate and tasteful they all are. Nurses cannot like undergraduates sport blazers and hat bands of their college colours, and therefore the Badge is an honourable and useful distinction. When the day comes when all the Leagues meet in one great meeting it will also be a necessary one. How we long to see the day when a great mass meeting shall be held of all the Nurses' Leagues in the country. We cannot conceive a more inspiring spectacle.

### The Organization and Registration of Nurses.\*

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"Would'st thou plant for Eternity, then plant into the deep infinite faculties of man, his Fantasy and Heart."

Such it seems to me must be the aim of any worthy scheme of organization for nurses, the inspiration of whose work is Divine, and the dutiful performance of which inevitably ennoble the worker.

This question of the Organization and Registration of trained nurses has occupied my mind for many years, and, indeed, there are few subjects which can be of greater importance to any profession than those which relate to its organization, and to the basis upon which its recognized membership is founded. In the case of Nursing it will be generally admitted that these matters are still in an inchoate condition, although our pioneers have dug and delved, and loosened the roots of many prejudices.

As most trained nurses know, there is at present no general standard of training and certification adopted for the nursing profession. Some hold that Nursing is still so infantile in its growth that it would be impossible to define a general and universal curriculum of education. Others, however, have argued strongly that until nursing education is systematized, and not only its period but its various details are accurately defined, there can be no hope for any general improvement of the nursing profession, for the simple reason that education must form the foundation on which the whole structure of professional organization is built.

But all nurses who have considered the question intelligently have grasped the fundamental principle that our profession, like every other, needs regulation and control, and we claim that this power of control should rest in our own hands. That in our corporate capacity we must have the right to live, and move, and have our being, and that it is from our own ranks that the women must step out to whom the responsibility of guiding our destinies must be entrusted. Women, strong and faithful, able and willing to maintain intact the trust imposed upon them.

Where are these women to come from? Surely from our Training Schools. The undergraduate of to-day is the Superintendent of to-morrow, and it is to our training schools that we must turn with hope for the future. In the hands of the

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