

Miss Rudden (University of Pennsylvania Hospital): They are moving very slowly in our county associations, but we have not got as far as the State yet. The club-women of Philadelphia do not approve of nurses' clubs.

A Delegate: The doctors of Philadelphia have not only said they were in favour of it, but they will help us get State registration.

A delegate from Virginia said that was also the case there.

Mrs. Hutchinson: A representative from Philadelphia said she thought that the club-women thought that the nurses were born nurses and not trained nurses. I don't think so at all. It seems to me if the doctors give the untrained nurses the backing from the start they will always have their following, and they will engage them whether we have State registration or not. I would like to have the opinions of other nurses.

Miss Davis: Madam President, conditions ought to be brought about to give the *trained* nurse a legal status, without throwing anybody out of work—the untrained nurse can always get work—to keep the trained nurse in her proper place and give her a proper status in the eyes of the law that she does not have now at all. We are not asking to put these women down and not give them work. Let us get State registration to give us our proper status.

Miss Riddle (Boston City Hospital): I think the last speaker has struck the keynote. Moreover, by doing this you do not antagonise the people who are in favour of the untrained nurse, and the less that these people are antagonised the more certain our prospects of success.

President: If there is nothing further to be said, this brings our meeting to a close for the evening.

Hospital Prayers.

Many matrons feel the need of a well-arranged book of prayers for use in hospital wards and will be glad to know that such a book, compiled by A. B., has recently been published by Mr. W. Hepworth, The Bull Ring, Kidderminster, price 2s. A different selection of short readings from Scripture, and of collects which can be used at discretion, is given for every day of the week, both for morning and evening. It is carefully planned for the purpose for which it is intended, and we have no doubt that it will be found of use in many hospitals and infirmaries.

It is curious that, so far, the special needs of the sick, and the arrangement of short services and prayers suitable to their needs have not, so far, received very much attention, so that it is by no means easy to find books of this description.

Nursing Echoes.



We note that the editor of the *Nurses' Journal*, the official organ of the R.B.N.A., makes a quite misleading statement in this month's issue in reference to this journal. She writes: "The title of the new paper, doubtless quite unintentionally, approximates somewhat nearly to that of the 'Royal British Nurses' Journal.' . . . We would call attention of our readers to the fact that the *Nurses' Journal* continues to be the only organ of this Association."

Now whoever is responsible for the official organ of the R.B.N.A. is fully aware that its registered title is *not* the 'Royal British Nurses' Journal,' but the *Nurses' Journal* only. The *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* in no way approximates to the title of any other nursing publication.

Moreover, no warning of any sort is needed to those content to be represented by—even if they do not read—the monthly publication issued from the office of the R.B.N.A. The *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* is written for, and read by, intelligent persons; there can, therefore, be no clashing of the *clientèles* of the two papers.

In his final despatch Lord Kitchener includes the following members of the Army Nursing Service whose good work in the late war he desires to recognise:—Superintending Sisters J. A. Gray and M. Russell; Sisters M. C. S. Knox, C. H. Keer, H. L. Neale, E. J. Martin, G. E. Saunder, A. A. Murphy, A. C. L. Anderson, A. R. Rose-Innes, and A. E. Tait. Of the Army Nursing Service Reserve:—Sisters G. Black, A. E. Bedwell, J. Creighton, C. M. Jones, H. O. Luckie, L. Mitchell, G. Roberts, E. M. Monck-Mason, and J. Halliday. Colonial Nurses:—Superintendent M. Rawson, Victoria; Sisters Isobel Ivey, Victoria; M. S. Bidsmead, Australia; D. Peiper, New Zealand; and A. V. Pocock, New South Wales.

Every troopship returning from the Cape brings home, after a varied term of devoted service, members of what is now Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service. The majority of these Army Sisters will not return to South Africa owing to the reduction of the establishment.

The libel action brought by Mr. Michael Charles Walshe, of the Male Nurses' Temperance Co-operation, 10, Thayer Street, Manchester Square, W., against the Temperance Male Nurses' Co-operation, Limited, of which Mr. Martin D. Gold is

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