

or assume the title of trained nurse or graduate nurse, or to use the abbreviation of "T.N." or "G.N.," or any other words, letters, or figures to indicate that the person using the same is a trained, registered, or graduate nurse.

8. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, punishable by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (50 dols.) nor more than two hundred dollars (200 dols.) for the first offence, and not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars (500 dols.) for each subsequent offence.

9. This Act shall not be construed to affect or apply to the gratuitous nursing of the sick by friends or members of the family, and also it shall not apply to any person nursing the sick for hire but who does not in any way assume to be a registered or graduate nurse.

10. Any person who shall wilfully make any false representation to the Board of Examiners in applying for a licence shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and upon conviction be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (500 dols.) nor more than one thousand dollars (1,000 dols.).

11. The State Board of Examiners of graduate nurses shall have the power to revoke any certificate or licence issued in accordance with this Act by unanimous vote of said Board for gross incompetency, dishonesty, habitual intemperance, or any act derogatory to the morals or standing of the profession of nursing, as may be determined by the Board; but before any licence or certificate shall be revoked the holder thereof shall be entitled to at least 30 days' notice of the charge against her or him, and of the time and place of hearing and determining of such charges, at which time and place she or he shall be entitled to be heard. Upon the revocation of any certificate or licence it shall be the duty of the secretary of the Board to strike the name of the holder thereof from the roll of registered nurses.

12. This Act shall be in force from its passage.

Sketches from Life.

Una is responsible for the following stories:—

Teacher: "What is matrimony?" Child: "A place or state of punishment in this life where some souls suffer for a time before they go to heaven."

An anæsthetist the other day was giving chloroform, and, after feeling the eye, pronounced the patient "ready." When the first incision was made the patient jumped up with a yell, &c, &c. The doctor had tested his glass eye.

Scene: Hospital. Porter occupied in altercation with a female out-patient. "But which doctor do you want to see?" Female Out-patient: "I don't know. I haven't seen anybody for three months." Porter: "What! haven't seen anybody for three months. Go to the eye department on the left."

The American Nursing World.

Two interesting letters were read at the Annual Convention of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae. One from Mrs. Hampton Robb, enclosing a cheque for 4 dols., the dividend received on her share of stock of the *American Journal of Nursing*. It was intended, said Mrs. Robb, "to form the nucleus of a fund for purchasing the *American Journal of Nursing*, so that the *Journal* may become what we originally planned it to be, the property and organ of the Associated Alumnae."

Miss Adelaide Nutting also wrote:—"I am enclosing you the sum of 4 dols., the amount of interest on my share of stock in the *Nursing Journal*. Will you kindly place it where it will help to form the beginnings of a fund which ultimately, we hope, will grow large enough to enable the Associated Alumnae to carry out its intention of owning the *Journal*? I have intended to send you this ever since it came, but have been away, and am glad that in asking our Alumnae Association to do the same thing I am reminded of my own forgetfulness."

Certainly the American Superintendents are setting an inspiring example of professional public spirit.

The Nurses' Associated Alumnae has made Mrs. Hampton Robb, who was its first President, Honorary President. It is a graceful recognition of the unique service rendered to the Society by Mrs. Robb since its inception.

The business before the Convention of the Associated Alumnae included the consideration of the Constitution, and some important points were discussed. When eligibility for membership was discussed, Miss L. L. Dock said:—

"The whole question of eligibility necessarily resolves itself into a choice between two courses. One is, whether the Associated Alumnae will discard all of its former standards of eligibility for membership; that is, whether it shall give up the requirements of general training in the hospital, the crusade against private duty by undergraduates, and to a very large extent all of its educational standards. The other is, whether it shall begin now to merge itself into a union of State societies and lose its former character.

"I used to look forward to the time when our National Association would be composed of delegates from State societies, but yet I cannot help now but realise that to attain that in a way satisfactory to all our educational ideas will take a very long period of time, and in my mind it is a question whether it is feasible for the Associated Alumnae at this early period to begin to discard its former educational standard. I am thoroughly in sympathy with the absolutely democratic character of our State

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