

The American Nursing World.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Maryland nurses on the fact that the Bill for their registration has passed the Legislature unamended and is now in the hands of the Governor.

The operating amphitheatre of the New York Hospital was recently filled with visitors to witness a "Demonstration by the Graduating Class, 1904, of Hospital Methods Adapted to Private Work." A supposedly very ill patient was put to bed, given a hot-air bath, mustard foot-bath, and typhoid bed-bath. He was also cupped on the chest and had an improvised ice-coil applied to the abdomen. A mustard paste and a flaxseed poultice were made in a twinkling, but not applied. Very interesting was the preparation for an emergency operation, tent for steam inhalation, emergency cases requiring Buck's extension, modified Velpeau and capeline bandages. While two nurses put up the Buck's extension, a third prepared a most tempting supper of fancy roast oysters, trussed squab, grape-fruit salad, ice-cream, and tea, which was beautifully arranged on a tray and served to the hungry patient as soon as he was ready for it. Before partaking of it, however, the startling discovery of the house afire was made, so the Buck's extension was quickly removed, the patient tied to a broom-stick, wrapped in blankets, and borne to a place of safety by the nurses. The celerity and efficiency of the work was a high compliment to the management of Miss Anne W. Goodrich, superintendent of the Training-School. The house staff expressed to Miss Goodrich their appreciation and thanks. The class of twenty-six nurses were graduated on Tuesday evening, March 1st. In the governors' board-room at the hospital, Mr. Hermann H. Cammann presented to each graduate a diploma and a gold medal, with some words of good advice, after which there was music and dancing in the spacious parlours of the Nurses' Home. Among the two hundred guests present were a large representation of the governors of the hospital and the leading physicians of the city.

Already the question of general education is engaging the attention of the Executive Committee of the Virginia State Association. We learn from the *American Journal of Nursing* that the Association has under consideration a plan for the establishment of a course in domestic science in some woman's college of the State, normal or high school, and requires all applicants to training-schools for nurses to present a certificate of graduation from such school or department. Up to this time no hospital in the State can provide suitable equipment for such a course. Such instruction is far too essential in the life and home of every woman to be relegated solely to the nursing or professional class.

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sea Infirmary.

A meeting on behalf of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund will be held on Wednesday, April 27th, at 3.30, at 19, Stratford Place, by the kind permission of Emily Lady Ampt-hill. Lady Loch will preside, and the speakers will be Mrs Garrett Anderson, M.D., Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, Miss Catherine J. Wood, and Miss E. C. Barton, Matron of Chelsea Infirmary.

Time was when nurses were supposed to be a class of workers who were subjected to unusual risks, and were therefore undesirable members of insurance societies. Nothing, however, could more conclusively prove that, under proper conditions, a nurse's life is an eminently sound one than the valuation for the past five years made by Mr. George King in relation to the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses. The number of deaths in the last five years was twenty-three, against thirty-two for women in ordinary occupations.

The excellent Nurses' Report Book arranged by Miss C. M. Löhr, Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Potter's Bar, is now in its fourth edition. It is very popular amongst private nurses, and is also appreciated by medical men, who find the records kept in it clear and concise. The book is arranged for day and night reports for three weeks. There is a temperature chart for three weeks ruled for morning and evening records, and an additional four-hour chart ruled for a week. Other pages are ruled to indicate the nourishment, stimulant, medicine, &c., taken by the patient, and the amount of sleep obtained. At the foot of the page space is ruled for a summary of all the records, thus giving in concise form all the important details with regard to the patient in the space of twelve hours. The books can be obtained from Miss Löhr at the above address, price 4s. a dozen, or 4d. each, and private nurses could not fail to find them a great convenience.

At a recent meeting of the Widnes Education Committee, the recommendation of the School Management Committee that a nurse be employed to visit elementary schools for a period of six months was considered. Mr. F. Neil explained that by these visits the spread of infectious diseases in schools was checked and minor ail-

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