

invited the members for tea. After a very pleasant ride the cyclists reached the Home, where a goodly number of non-cycling members had arrived by tram or train, and were already taking advantage of Miss Agnew's hospitality. The pretty grounds of the Home lie just under Three Rock Mountain, with a beautiful outlook over Dublin Bay, which on a fine day is peculiarly charming. Many of the cyclists seemed, however, to find the view of the plentiful display of good things provided by Miss Agnew, at least temporarily, more attractive than County Dublin natural scenery. After tea the visitors enjoyed the sight of a perfectly-managed poultry farm, and all were immensely interested in it and in the account of its results. The homeward journey was hastened by gathering clouds and threatening rain, but neither clouds nor rain could throw even a shadow of gloom over a party returning from such an enjoyable outing, and carrying with them the knowledge that their kind hostess had given them another invitation for the end of the season.

The *Times of India*, referring to the question of Registration, regrets that, in spite of the fact that a small committee composed of representatives of various Nursing Associations and Government officers has been formed to consider the establishment of a Nursing Service for the Presidency of Bombay, no meeting of the Committee has so far been called. The subject, however, is of such importance that our contemporary thinks it can only be deferred. It complains that the Nursing Associations are so strictly compartmented that there is little interchange for the purposes of training, and the existing facilities are not fully utilised. Secondly, there is no recognised source whence the Mofussil hospitals which may find themselves in a position to entertain the services of trained nurses can draw their staff. And, finally, the absence of any system of obligatory registration enables women either half-trained or not trained at all to masquerade as nurses and to practise as such. After commenting on the Registration movement in this country, our contemporary says:—"If the necessity for some machinery to 'hall mark' nurses is so strong in England, where people have far greater facilities for distinguishing between the good and the indifferent, how much more urgent must be the need in India? Sooner or later Government will have to take the matter up. There need be no supersession of the existing Nursing Associations, or amalgamation of the separate funds. But a properly graded and pensionable Nursing Service would be constituted, controlled by a central authority, consisting of Government officers and representatives of the Nursing Associations, which would conduct examinations and issue diplomas."

Registration movements are being promoted, or are already in force, in Europe, Africa, America, and Australasia. This is the first time, we believe, that Asia has joined in the fray.

The St. George's Hospital (Bombay) Nursing Association has drawn up new rules for its Provident Fund, applicable to the Lady Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, all nurses except probationers, and to the housekeeper and assistant housekeeper, which came into force on January 1st of the present year, from which date they are compulsory on all persons appointed to these posts. Contributions are paid monthly by deductions from the salaries of the officials concerned.

Much sympathy will be felt in this country with Miss Ellen V. Robinson, of Class 1902, of the Illinois Training-School, Chicago, in the terrible accident which has befallen her. Attending a patient in a small town not far from Chicago, she had occasion to visit the doctor's office, and fell down the stairs owing to a mis-step. On her return to the patient she lost her way in a snowstorm. A search party which was organised eventually found her almost dead, and when she was taken to the hospital it was found necessary to amputate both hands and both feet. A committee has been formed to raise a fund to provide her with a small annuity, and we sincerely hope that its efforts may be successful.

A meeting of the graduate nurses of the State of Michigan was recently held in the city of Detroit. The meeting was called for the purpose of forming a State Association of Nurses and to consider plans for State Registration. The Hon. W. H. Maybury, mayor of the city, welcomed the nurses, and addresses were made by Judge C. A. Kent and Dr. J. H. Carstens.

In offering our warm congratulations in last week's issue to the nurses of the State of Maryland, U.S.A., upon their Registration Bill passing both Houses without amendment, we inadvertently named as President of the State Registration Association Miss Georgia Nevins, instead of Miss Adelaide Nutting, Superintendent of the Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore. To Miss Nutting must be given much of the credit of the speedy and brilliant result to the petition of Maryland nurses for legal status. Miss Nevins, the Superintendent of Nurses at the Garfield Hospital, Washington, is President of an Association of Nurses working for the same high aims, and will, no doubt, before long score an equal success.

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