

doubted by anyone familiar with the subject-matter.

The question arises, which is the proper way to attain the end in view? We know by experience that a society, as a whole, will rarely accomplish much, because the single individual feels prevented from active work through modesty, and will not push herself or himself to the front. The only way, in my opinion, is to have a committee appointed to do the work, which on the proper occasions must be endorsed by the society.

I therefore would suggest that you appoint a committee, perhaps of five, for the purpose of preparing a suitable Bill, in co-operation with an auxiliary committee consisting of members not belonging to your profession. As I have pointed out, the public should be interested just as much as you in having State Registration. This auxiliary committee should consist of a number of people—*e.g.*, hospital superintendents, hospital trustee members, ministers, lawyers, physicians, and business men. The medical profession will undoubtedly assist you through the medical societies and individually.

In drawing up the Bill, your committee should be in touch with the Nurses' Associations of those States which have Registration, as North Carolina, New York, New Jersey, Virginia. This will serve two purposes. First, one association can assist the other, and thus save a great deal of time and trouble, and, furthermore, the laws should be uniform in all States, or in as many States as possible, so that a nurse licensed in one State should have the right to follow her profession also in other States.

It will be your task, through your committee, to advance those arguments which will make it clear to all that the cause you work for, State Registration, is an urgent demand, and that it is, in the first place, in the interest of the public. Furthermore, those arguments must be submitted to the proper people at the proper time; and, third, you must be prepared to meet that opposition always found, born by selfish interests or by ignorance and misunderstanding, with those means of education and enlightenment which must be followed by the desired success.

Local Government Board and Londonderry Guardians.

The Local Government Board have been requested by the Londonderry Guardians to hold a sworn inquiry into the complaints made by the nurses against the Matron. One complaint was that the Matron had called a nurse "a bag of potatoes and buttermilk"!

British Gynæcological Society. Nursing Examinations.

The examinations for the Nursing Certificates of the Society were held on June 2nd and 7th, the written part on the former and the *vivâ voce* part on the latter date.

The following candidates were successful in obtaining the Society's Certificate in Gynæcological Nursing:—

Miss ALICE BUTCHER, cert. Ipswich General Hospital (3 years).

Miss MAUDE MARY BRETT, cert. Royal Hants County Hospital (4 years), and New Hospital for Women, Euston Road.

Miss FRANCES MARIE BARKER, cert. St. Bartholomew's Hospital (4 years).

Miss MINNIE MORRIS, cert. Royal Infirmary, Bristol (3 years).

Miss CHARLOTTE NAYLOR, cert. Bedford Union Infirmary (3 years).

The following candidates also gained the Society's Certificate in Monthly Nursing:—

Miss MAUDE MARY BRETT, cert. City of London Lying-in Hospital.

Miss ALICE BUTCHER, cert. General Lying-in Hospital, York Road.

Miss MINNIE MORRIS, cert. L.O.S.

The following were the questions for the written papers:—

MATERNITY NURSING EXAMINATION.

1. What are the reasons for giving vaginal injections after a confinement? And what are the most usual preparations employed for that purpose?

2. If a patient eight months pregnant is seized with profuse flooding, what condition would you suspect? And what would you do until the doctor came?

3. What are the methods by which septic infection can be conveyed to a puerperal woman? And what precautions would you take to prevent such infection?

4. What is "White Leg"? What symptoms would lead you to suspect its onset? And what nursing would be required in such a case?

5. What do you understand by "after-pains"? What is their usual cause? And what remedies are, as a rule, used to control them?

6. What is ophthalmia of the new-born? And what precautions should be taken to prevent its occurrence?

GYNÆCOLOGICAL NURSING EXAMINATION.

1. What instruments are required for the operation of curetting? And how would you make them ready for the operator's use?

2. What are the first symptoms of "Shock," "Internal Hæmorrhage," and "Peritonitis" after an abdominal section has been performed?

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