

have already passed through the complete term of three years' training, and show special aptitude and desire for nursing the sick in their own homes. When we consider the City Hospital we realise the great advantage to its probationers of a term of general training, but the advantage is not all on one side. Having recently seen these two great institutions, we are of opinion that the formation of some co-operative arrangement between the two would be of the greatest possible advantage to both. If we remember rightly, no infectious cases are received at the Royal Infirmary, so that the nurses at the end of their three years' term of training must pass out with no knowledge of many important branches of their work, such as the nursing of enteric fever, diphtheria, and the other infectious diseases. There is little doubt that when a system of State Registration is established the most complete three years' curriculum of training will be given by institutions co-operating together to supplement the lack of each. A three years' course taken in the wards of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and the great fever hospital at Colinton Mains, would be almost ideal. Why should not Scotland, which is far-sighted and level-headed about most things, grasp the advantage of and lead the way in regard to co-operative training?

On Sunday last the sermon at St. Matthias' Church, Dublin, was preached by the Very Rev. J. H. Bernard, D.D., Dean of St. Patrick's, in aid of St. Patrick's Nurses' Home for supplying trained nurses to the sick poor in their own homes. During the past year no less than 2,007 patients have been under the care of the nurses, whose work is valued very highly. Subscriptions and donations in support of the work of the Home, which acts as an institution for training Queen's Nurses, will be gratefully received by the Superintendent, at 101, St. Stephen's Green.

In view of the strained relations so often existing between nurses working under Boards of Guardians and other officials, it is pleasant to record the harmony which has prevailed under the Cookstown Board of Guardians. In resigning her appointment under the Board, the Head Nurse, Miss Mullaney, thanked the Board for their generous treatment of her during the four and a-half years she had held office. Dr. Graves had always been most kind and tolerant, and the Master and the late and present Matron had always assisted her and been willing helpers and kind friends. With none of them had she ever had the slightest want of harmony.

We are not surprised at the following expression of opinion from Miss Lavinia L. Dock, one of the straightest women we know, at the change of front of the officials of the R.B.N.A., and their sudden

determination to draft a Registration Bill, when the work of educating public opinion, and of disarming prejudice, has been accomplished by the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses. Miss Dock writes:—"What a low-down trick that is of the R.B.N.A. ! Seldom have I known anything at once so contemptible and so pitiful. Pitiful, because it is a confession not only of defeat but of *panic*. They have changed their policy and principles with the alacrity of some of our shady politicians who see 'the wind blowing the other way.' Contemptible, because one would really have supposed that a sense of pride would have prevented their openly stealing the thunder of the people whom they have consistently opposed. If they wished to preserve any appearance of self-respect in the eyes of the world, why did they not either continue as an honest opposition party (which is always respectable even if it is behind the times), or, if they really had change of heart about Registration, why do they not help to support your Bill and offer honest amendments where they consider their ideas better? However, it is a striking object-lesson, and I hope it will not be lost upon nurses. Many women need just such lessons to open their eyes to the truth of our good old Thomas Jefferson's saying, 'Eternal Vigilance is the price of Liberty.'"

We can assure Miss Dock that there are a large number of honourable persons in this country who share her view. Personally, we are glad that this last acrobatic feat of the R.B.N.A. has landed it within the Registration arena, and, as public opinion seems set strong for State Registration of Nurses, it is not probable that this agile Association will find it necessary to make another quick change.

After due consideration, the authorities of the Toronto General Hospital Training-School for Nurses have decided upon adopting a preparatory course under the auspices of the Technical School, College Street, Toronto. The Technical School will give a certificate to those who complete the full course, consequently intending applicants to the Training-School for Nurses are notified that after this date preference will be given to candidates who hold a certificate of the preparatory course, provided they are otherwise eligible. The course requires two terms of three months each. The fee is 10 dollars per term. The subjects considered are anatomy, physiology, medical chemistry, hygiene, bacteriology, dietetics, cookery, household economics, English language, and vocal expression.

We have received a silver-lettered invitation to be present this week at the marriage of Miss C. E. Flanagan, late of the Registered Nurses' Society, with Mr. I. R. Michael, at the Synagogue, Shanghai, and afterwards to a reception at the Astor House. We wish the happy pair a bright and prosperous future.

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