

and the silver medal by Nurse Bride M. Cann, of Sir Patrick Dun's.

A Lady Superintendent of a Nurses' Institute writes:—

"I am certainly in favour of some form of State Registration as a protection both to the public and also to the nurses themselves. It seems very hard that a woman who has had from three months to six months in a hospital should be able to compete with and take the same fees as fully-trained nurses, and by her ignorance bring discredit on the nursing profession. There is another point which I should much like to ask your opinion upon: Is it right that hospitals should give nurses a three years' certificate, when, as a fact, they have spent two years in the wards, and the third, and far most important for a nurse, is spent on the private staff?"

"So strongly do I feel the wrong done to both nurses and patients, that I never engage nurses from any place where there is a private staff, and so I can be quite sure of the three years' training.

"Forgive my troubling you, but I know well how much the true interest of our profession is to you."

A contemporary says:—"The two little letters, 'R.N.,' which carry such an honourable significance wherever our flag flies, will no longer be reserved to the King's Navy, if the Pennsylvania State Nurses' Association obtains the desire of its collective heart. At a recent meeting of the Medical Society of that State, the Nurses' Association presented a communication asking for the co-operation of the Society in an effort to induce the Legislature to pass a Bill providing that graduated nurses should be licensed and permitted to append to their names the letters 'R.N.,' signifying 'registered nurse.' There is no country where the ravages of the title-bacillus are so fearful as in the United States, and it is quite possible that the Pennsylvania nurses may not languish long without their coveted distinction."

We would venture to remind our contemporary that the American nation severed its connection with the King's Navy 128 years ago. Moreover, as the title "R.N." has been legally bestowed upon the registered nurses of five States, there is nothing novel in the nurses of Pennsylvania petitioning for the same distinction. And they will get it. It is quite too funny to criticise the progressive American on lines which appeal to our podgy people.

It may not be generally known that India has a staff of mounted Army nurses. The Indian Government allows the members of the Indian Nursing Service 30 rupees a month for the upkeep of their horses, and free conveyance of these animals to and from active service. Nurses to be eligible for this Service must hold a three years' certificate of training.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Notice has been received from the Secretary of the Central Poor Law Conference, 1905, that the conference will be held on February 21 and 22, in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall. The subjects to be discussed are:

1. "The position of the Poor Law in the problem of poverty."
2. "The treatment of the mentally defective under the Poor Law."
3. "The treatment of vagrants."

The Goldsmiths' Company have made a donation of £300 to the funds of Westminster Hospital.

Princess Henry of Battenberg, as President of the James Memorial Cottage Hospital, East Cowes, presided at the general meeting of the hospital, at which satisfactory reports as to the finances and the general work were read and adopted. It was resolved to instruct a sub-committee to take steps to provide a district nurse for East Cowes and Whippingham in connection with the hospital.

In reviewing the work done during the past year at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow, the directors again draw the attention of the subscribers and of all those interested in the sick poor children of Glasgow and the West of Scotland to the fact that the resources of the hospital in Scott Street—which contains only seventy-four cots—are not commensurate with the requirements of the community. The population in and around Glasgow is rapidly growing, and now amounts to nearly 2,000,000, and this is the only institution specially devoted to providing for the many little children in that number who require hospital treatment. The adult hospitals also treat a large number of children; but nevertheless the requirements of the children are not met.

Owing to the advance in medical and nursing science, it is possible now to treat infants of very tender years—under two years of age—where formerly it was impossible, and obviously if a child can be cured at that age it is right to do so. This would mean the exclusion of the older children; and, further, to treat these very young cases requires a larger nursing staff, for which there is no room in the Scott Street premises. The directors are of opinion that the proper work of a children's hospital in Glasgow cannot be developed in the present building in Scott Street, and that a new hospital is required, built on a healthy site, in accordance with modern requirements for combating disease, and capable of accommodating at least 200 patients.

The Italian Anti-Slavery Society has addressed a circular to the corresponding societies of Great Britain, France, and Belgium drawing their attention to the prevalence of slavery at certain places along the coast of Tripoli, and requesting them to impress on their respective Governments the desirability of pointing out the existence of this state of things to the Turkish authorities.

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