

tions dealing with other forms of work we can obtain what is particularly needed to supplement our own teaching. For example, for teachers' work a nurse might take a prescribed course in Teachers' College, New York, for social work a course in the School of Philanthropy, Boston, or similar institutions.

"Our great trouble has been that seeing all these many fields of usefulness ready for nurses and needing workers, for want of a proper system and classification we have frantically tried to add on a little instruction in each to the list belonging to the general nursing curriculum, with the result that no one of them is dealt with thoroughly, and that the special student is unsatisfied, and the general student has one additional burden to carry. If we are willing to reorganise our training-schools on the basis of a general theoretical and practical education that will embrace all hospitals and all subjects pertaining to the care of the sick and rigidly relegate all other subjects to their proper place as specialties to be taken up only by the women who have the natural ability and taste for them, we shall in the course of time reap some very satisfactory results in both the general nursing and the specialties. And to-day no better methods suggest themselves to my mind than those which could be provided through the affiliation of all hospitals for nursing purposes on some such basis as I have endeavoured to present to you."

Wedding Bells.

Many members of the nursing profession will unite in wishing all happiness to Miss Annie E. Brown, late Matron of the Ilford Isolation Hospital, Chadwell Heath, on her marriage to Mr. Luther St. John Hambleton.

The bride, who was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has had a long and honourable nursing career, the positions she has held including those of Sister at St. Saviour's Infirmary, Dulwich, Night Superintendent at Charing Cross Hospital, Sister at the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, Night Superintendent at the General Hospital, Nottingham, and Matron of the Sanatorium, Ilkeston, and since the days, when as Staff Nurse in Elizabeth Ward at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, she gained both the esteem and affection of the probationers who worked under her by her unselfish devotion to duty and her kindness to themselves, she has commanded the respect of all with whom work has brought her in contact; not least by her consistent interest in schemes for the general welfare of her profession and the courageous support she has ever accorded them.

Mrs. Hambleton's future home is in Barking, so her old friends will not lose touch with her.

Progress of State Registration.

We still continue to receive telegrams and letters of congratulation from numerous correspondents in respect to the Report of the Select Committee on Registration.

To one and all we tender our sincere thanks, and hope that their united effort will speed forward the day when the State Registration of Trained Nurses is not only the desire of our hearts but an accomplished fact.

The *British Medical Journal*, referring to the Report of the Select Committee, which it publishes in full, summarises the duties which it is suggested shall devolve upon the Central Body set up by Act of Parliament, and says: "These and other duties mentioned in the Report would practically create a body to superintend the education, registration, and discipline of nurses, very similar to the General Medical Council. The proposal that the registration fee should be one guinea—not a guinea annually—would leave that body very short of funds for carrying on its work. In the last paragraphs of the Report the Committee recommend that all nursing homes and institutions should be licensed by the local authority. This would throw upon county and borough authorities the responsibility of inspecting all private hospitals and institutions for supplying nurses to the public. . . . The Report of the Select Committee will enable each Division (of the British Medical Association) to discuss and decide upon the merit of definite proposals, and to thrash out by debate the advantages to be gained through the proposed legislation by the public, the medical profession and the nurses."

The Report is a document of such extreme importance and raises so many points of interest to both nurses and the public, that we propose, after due consideration, to annotate it in a future issue. We hope that every nurse will study the Report for herself and carefully consider its suggestions.

It was not to be expected that the Report of the Select Committee, supporting, as it does, the principle of the registration of individual nurses, would be palatable reading to Sir Henry Burdett, who for years as editor of the *Hospital* newspaper has used his influence to prevent nurses having this measure of justice. His misrepresentations, therefore, are to be expected, and may be treated with contempt. What we must do is to realise that the Report means a tremendous step forward, towards the desired goal, for the cause we have at heart. We nurses can, therefore, ignore all attempts to sow dissension in our ranks, and bend our energies to securing the best Bill that we can devise, in which we must ask for all that we consider right.

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