

A month after appointment the Matron was sent to Gloucester Infirmary, "to qualify herself more completely, a reasonable sum being allowed for expenses of her journey." Quite an up-to-date idea!

During the first week the hospital was opened, containing forty beds, ten in-patients were admitted. The staff consisted of four nurses, who were paid four guineas each per annum, with one guinea for tea and sugar, and a promise of one additional guinea "if they behave well."

We heartily welcome the latest League and wish it ever-increasing prosperity. We learn with pleasure that at no distant date it intends to carry its motto to a practical conclusion and affiliate with the sister leagues already united, and so do its part to form a representative National Council of Nurses for the United Kingdom. In so doing it will come into touch with the great Sisterhood of Nursing, which is international in scope. The sick and suffering have neither sex or nationality to the true nurse.

### The Registered Nurses' Society.

The Registered Nurses' Society's Twelfth Annual Meeting is being held as we go to press, and a very satisfactory report has been presented. Steady progress has been made in every direction during the past year thanks to the excellent work of the members.

Mrs. Lionel Lucas is anxious to make known to all workers among the Jewish poor in the East End that, owing to the great kindness of Lady Rothschild, Miss Lucy Cohen, Mr. N. S. Joseph, Lady Cohen, and Miss Emma Goldsmid it has been possible to increase the staff of nurses working under the able superintendence of Mrs. Lazarus, of Victoria House, from three to six, and it is hoped they will help to restore many sufferers to health and strength.

Miss Nutting and Miss L. L. Dock have been working hard on their great book, "The History of Nursing" and have decided to conclude the first volume at 1875, the beginning of the modern era, and to write the second volume a little later, say in a year's time.

#### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

POSTINGS AND TRANSFERS.—*Sister*: Miss J. M. Clay, to Royal Arsenal Hospital, Woolwich, from Military Hospital, Portsmouth.

*Staff Nurse*: Miss C. Winzer, to Military Hospital, Gosport, on appointment.

## Progress of State Registration.

### IN CANADA.

Miss Eastwood, Lady Superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses in Canada, has been unanimously elected President of the Ontario Graduate Nurses' Association. Miss Eastwood has taken a very prominent part in advancing the question of State Registration of Nurses, and has in return for her most able leadership won the gratitude and respect of nurses throughout the Dominion.

The fact that in order to gain legal status for their nurses the large majority of the leading hospitals in Canada have registered under the New York State Education Department, and that these hospitals are thus compelled to be inspected by a member of its Board of Examiners, is surely one of the most positive proofs of lack of initiative and of progress on the part of the British Empire which could have been given. We are used to struggling at home with hydra-headed reaction, but surely in the spacious Dominion there is room for just laws for its daughters. When we realise that Canadians of the quality of Isabel Hampton Robb and M. Adelaide Nutting, names to conjure with throughout the international nursing world, could only find a field for their great talents under the Stars and Stripes, one wishes our legislators would cease prating of Empire and set to work making laws under which intelligent women can contribute the best that is in them to the common weal. Anyway, Canada, wake up and legislate wisely for your women; their brains already find a ready market south of the Great Lakes, and you need all you can get!

Commenting on the progress of the registration movement in this country, the *Canadian Nurse* says: "Meantime, it is inspiring to watch with what ability and courage the leaders of our profession in Great Britain fight on. In spite of faint friends and froward enemies, wolves in sheep's clothing, and wolves not in sheep's clothing, the good work goes on and is sure of success in the end."

In the Province of Manitoba the first annual meeting of the Nurses' Association has been held. They have now completed their organisation, and have a Committee on Legislation appointed to draft a Bill for Registration. We wish the new Association a progressive and pleasant future.

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