

Progress of State Registration.

We beg to acknowledge with many thanks the following donations towards the expenses of the Nurses' Registration Petition:—Miss Ellen L. Farrington, 10s.; Miss H. C. Sadlier, R.N.S., 2s. 6d.; Miss Rose Conway, 2s.

Referring to the Nurses' Registration Petition now being organised by the Society for the State Registration of Nurses for presentation to the Prime Minister, the *Canadian Nurse* says: "We are very much interested in this proposal, inasmuch as the Publication Committee of the *Canadian Nurse* has been considering the very same question, and earnestly requests instructions and advice upon this subject from all subscribers, all Nurses' Associations, and all others interested in the subject."

Miss Charlotte E. Eastwood, writing on the subject of State Registration in the same journal, points out the great importance of the question to Canadian nurses, because of the fact that Canada uses the United States so much as a field for her graduates to practice in. Enquiries made from various training schools shows that it is quite usual for 50 per cent. of the Canadian graduates to practise in the United States, and the Superintendent of one school says, "I am quite safe in saying 60 per cent. of our nurses have gone to the U.S.A. to practise."

Miss Eastwood therefore argues that a registration test, of as high a character as the highest, should be instituted for Canadian nurses. She says "The States of New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Colorado, and California have all secured Bills. In these States our nurses must be below par without registration. Many other States are preparing the way for legislation. Does there not seem a danger that in the near future the more intelligent young women of the class that have been coming forward to study in our smaller schools will go to the United States to take their training, when the curriculum will have in view the registration test, and for us will be left the less far-seeing and capable?"

Miss Eastwood suggests that every superintendent of a Canadian Training School, whose graduates go to the United States to practise, can educate her board as to the importance of having their nurses registered graduate nurses before they leave their own

country, so that they will not be obliged to take an examination in the United States before having an equal standing with United States graduates.

Nursing Progress in France.

HONOURS FOR AN ENGLISH NURSE.

M. Sarraut, Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Interior, accompanied by the Préfet of Gironde, and Deputy of the Department (M. Chaumet), and also by many notable persons, visited the Nursing School of the Tondu Civil Hospital of Bordeaux, on the 6th inst. He was received by the Governors of the hospitals and the visiting doctors of the Tondu Hospital.

The nurses and probationers of the school looked charming in their blue and white uniform and short sleeves. In their midst stood Miss Elston, their *Directrice*, so capable and clever.

M. Faure, Vice President of the Board, welcomed the Under Secretary for State, and begged Dr. Lande, Special Governor of the Tondu Hospital, to explain the organisation of the School of Nursing. Dr. Lande thanked the Government for its help and showed how good the results already were of this school, created three years ago. On all sides hospital administrations are demanding certificated nurses of this school, the first of this kind created in a *civil* hospital in all France. The largest towns give them the Matronships of their hospitals. M. Sarraut answered, congratulating the Bordeaux authorities on this success, and praised these charming young women, who choose to work amongst those who suffer rather than lead a pleasant and selfish society life. He then handed to Miss Elston the "Palmes Académiques" as a token of the Government appreciation of her useful work. To Miss Siegrist, who was *chefstaine* in the School until lately, he gave the bronze medal of the Assistance Publique. Mlle. Siegrist has just been offered by the Préfet the post of "Directrice de l'Ecole Départementale de Sages-Femmes," a much envied post. To Mlle. Rie, also formerly at the Tondu Hospital, now General Sister in this Midwives' School, M. Sarraut gave a much valued Medal of Honour. The visitors went over the wards, and the Drs. Boursier, Dubrient, Moure, and Pousson, gave interesting explanations about their patients. The wards looked lovely all in white and blue, with graceful plants and flowers.

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