

centre of that coil, the action of the current upon the needle is much stronger. By using many turns of fine wire, the effect of the current is multiplied many times, so that a weak current may produce a large deflection of the needle.

(To be continued.)

ONLY A NURSE.

- "It's on'y a Nuss! Whoa, ho! my lass,  
Blowed if I'm goin' ter let yer pass.  
What d'yer want down this 'ere square?  
We don't want Nusses a pryin' 'ere;  
Ain't got no sickness—don't want no fuss.  
See yer a swell, if you are a Nuss!"
- "Only a Nuss? What's that yer say,  
Tom? You get out of her bloomin' way,  
Else I shull make yer; for this yere gal  
Is Nurse at the Children's 'Ospital.  
'Twon't do no good fer you to cuss:  
I owes a lot to this yere Nuss.
- "On'y a Nuss! Yer ought to bless  
The hangels as walks in a Nuss's dress.  
Six months ago come next July  
My little Benny were near to die;  
My missus said he were growin' wuss,  
So I took and guv him to this yere Nuss.
- "On'y a Nuss! If you'd ha' seen  
'Ow she tuk Benny her arms atween,  
Tuk off 'is pore little faded close,  
Got 'im a bed as white as snows,  
Comb out 'is curls as was reg'lar muss—  
More like a mother'n any Nuss.
- "On'y a Nuss, but the day 'e died,  
As me and missus set by and cried,  
She didn't cry, lor bless yer, no;  
On'y 'er face look'd sad, yer know.  
Held 'im, she did, as 'is cough grew worse,  
'Our after 'our, and on'y a Nurse!
- "On'y a Nuss all the blessed night  
Set there and soothed 'im to mornin' light.  
Died? Yas, er corse! You remember, Miss,  
'Ow 'e giv' you 'is last dyin' kiss;  
One little 'and a grippin' your purse  
As you'd a lent 'im ter play with, Nurse!
- "On'y a Nuss! Well, you know wheres  
She took 'im tenderly down them stairs,  
Crossin' 'is 'ands on 'is little breast,  
Kissed 'im and left 'im there to rest.  
She may be a Nuss, but a lady, too,  
As cares for the likes o' me and you.  
When I'm layin' out for my bloomin' hearse,  
I wants no better'n such a Nurse."—R. P. B.

AN act of kindness, a word of sympathy, may render the whole line of life different from what it would otherwise have been. There are crises in many a life when the course it shall take for weal or for woe depends upon a slight influence—almost a single word. How careful, then, should we be that our influence may at all times be in the right direction!

NURSING ECHOES.

- \*.\* SPECIAL NOTICE.—To those of our friends—in districts not already arranged for, whether at home or abroad—who will agree to send us regularly (reaching the office not later than Monday morning, first post) original notes or items of Nursing news, or matters of importance occurring in their districts, we shall be pleased to send in exchange free copies of the Nursing Record every Thursday, and also the binding case for each volume as it appears.
- \*.\* All communications must be duly authenticated with name and address, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

I AM glad to hear two very important items of news concerning the British Nurses' Association.



The first is that over nine hundred Certificates of Registration have now been issued, and that it is hoped that several hundreds more will shortly be sent out. Of course, the statements made by our contemporary that only eight hundred and

sixty Nurses have applied for Registration is utterly untrue. It is stated that to meet the unavoidable delay in sending in their applications for Registration, which a large number of Members have experienced, in consequence of their absence from their Institutions at private cases, and their inability, therefore, to procure the necessary testimonials and certificates, the Registration Board has decided to accept applications from Members without a fee until June 30.

THE Certificate is printed on thick hand-made paper, and is in the following form:—

British Nurses' Association.

TRAINED NURSES' REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.

[Certificate Number ] Registration Office,  
3, Oxford Circus Avenue,  
Oxford Street, London, W.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF REGISTRATION.	QUALIFICATIONS.

It is hereby certified that this is a true Copy of the entry of the above-specified name in the Trained Nurses' Register, and that the prescribed fee of..... has been duly received for such Registration.

Sealed by order of the Registrar Board this.....day of .....189 .  
Here the Seal of the Association is stamped.

.....Registrar.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.  
Every Registered Nurse should be careful to send the Registrar immediate notice of any change in her address, and also to answer all inquiries that may be sent to her by the Registrar in regard thereto, in order that her correct address may be duly inserted in the Nurses' Register; otherwise by the Bye-Laws such Nurse is liable to have her name erased from the Register.

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