

political party, and that any authenticated statement to the contrary shall at once be dealt with by the committee, as it is obvious that no committee could permit such a thing. Why not? Surely canvassing for our legislators is not so discreditable an occupation that a nurse must not wear her uniform when so engaged.

If there are not enough nurses on duty in a ward to watch and restrain delirious patients we presume the "cot" bedstead is the best method of preventing poor patients falling out of bed and injuring themselves. At least this was the conclusion of the Coroner and jury at a recent inquest held at the Workhouse, Kingston-on-Sea, touching the death of an inmate of the infirmary, to whom such an accident occurred, whilst the one nurse on duty was in the kitchen at the end of the ward. Many country workhouse infirmaries are sadly under-nursed.

Miss L. L. Dock writes:—"I am sure you are all glad to hear of the splendid endowment for advancing the work of nurses under Miss Nutting at Teachers' College. It all happened so quickly, easily, and quietly! It is not at all an uncommon thing for Miss Wald to be consulted by people who wish to give money away, how they may best place their gifts. Indeed, she is constantly giving advice of that kind, though usually not in regard to such large sums. It was therefore not even an incident that made any impression when she had a telephone message from this lady asking for an appointment, and intimating that advice was to be sought as to the disposal of a gift. That was one morning. The next day when I went in to dinner she told me the news. It was all settled. Wasn't it glorious? Since then, of course, there have been many conferences as to details—these will no doubt be given out by Miss Nutting from time to time, as they are worked out. We must not forget that, though Miss Wald inspired Mrs. Jenkins, Miss Nutting had interested Miss Wald immediately in her visions of the post-graduate teaching of nurses to fit them for Social Service that she has been aiming at since her arrival at Teachers' College. Ever since she has been in town Miss Nutting has been talking impassioned on this topic, and she and Miss Wald have for some time been talking together over possible plans for utilising the splendid practical field work of the Settlement as part of the post-graduate advantages of the nurses' class at Teachers' College. The preparation of nurses for social service has, indeed, always been more or less present in Miss Wald's mind. Her own immense gift on

that line makes all sorts of work in the homes seem more urgent and vital to her than institutional work. We often used to talk of the possibility of giving a special training in visiting nursing here at the Settlement, but the practical difficulty in the way was that of providing leisure for the accompanying necessary study and of arranging for that study. Now, with all the ample resources of Columbia University to place before students, and with the many lines of field work here in New York, not only the general visiting nursing but the public school work and Health Board work and many special lines of infant saving as well as others, they should be well prepared to teach, organise, and execute, and the many nurses who have been asking where they could be fitted for this, that, and the other specialty may be told, "Go to Teachers' College."

We need now to establish a great many scholarships; our hospitals and nurses' associations will do that, I hope."

We do not doubt that the necessary funds will be forthcoming.

Nurses in the State of Washington, says the *Nurses' Journal of the Pacific Coast*, are making progress in their plan to establish a cottage for tubercular nurses, to be built on the site of the open air sanatorium which the Anti-Tuberculosis League is working for. The cost will be about 475 dollars without furnishing. The Young Women's Christian Association in the same State also hope to build a similar cottage.

The General Election.

The whole country has been seething with excitement during the past week, and we are glad to find that both doctors and nurses have brought the important national question of State Registration of Nurses before the candidates.

The replies to the circular letter sent out by the Society for the State Registration of Nurses have been quite surprising; the majority promising hearty support to the Bill. It is an open secret that if our Bill could get a second reading it would be passed with a thumping majority, and that is the reason every nerve has been strained by the opposition to block it in the Commons. However, "we feel it in our bones" that a good time is coming, and our Society has conveyed "congratulations" to every pledged friend who has been so far successful at the polls, not omitting to express an earnest hope for future favours.

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