

some schools for *the first time*, a regular theoretical course has been established where in the past only practical instruction had been given.

There is *less* complaint about the "over-trained" nurse. I was requested by the Board to inspect *all* nursing schools in Virginia. I am now engaged in this tour. Formerly, each examiner inspected the schools in her vicinity. I find more interest, more cordial welcome, more readiness to discuss difficulties and ask suggestions, etc., than formerly. There is also a *better appreciation* of the attitude of the medical profession toward their part in teaching nurses, and furthering their professional interests and progress. Registration called the State Society into existence, for it was organised to establish Registration. The State Society is the one voluntary general interest and point of contact, so to speak, of the Virginia Nurses, and is indispensable! The State Board will ultimately bring about more uniformity in "training," not merely a uniform curriculum, and with it a better ethical standard.

SARAH H. CABANISS, R.N.,
Formerly President of State Board.

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

The meeting of the Executive Committee is deferred to Friday, 8th July, from the previous day. As important business will come up for consideration it is hoped the meeting will be a representative one. Applications for membership should reach the Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Breay, at 431, Oxford Street, W., as early as possible.

All good registrationists will desire, we feel sure, to offer their sincere congratulations to Mr. R. C. Munro Ferguson, M.P., upon the well-deserved honour conferred upon him amongst the Birthday Honours. His Majesty has been pleased to direct that Mr. Munro Ferguson be sworn one of his Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

We are glad to report that Mr. H. J. Tennant, M.P., that very good friend of trained nurses, is now progressing favourably after his very serious illness, and we heartily hope it will not be long before he will be able to resume his Parliamentary duties as Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade.

The President gratefully acknowledges the following donations:—

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THE IDA AND ROBERT ARTHINGTON SEMI-CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS.

These hospitals are just what their name implies—places for people who are semi-convalescent.

"The Ida"—to give the hospitals the name by which they are best known—is a branch of the General Infirmary at Leeds, and is under the same medical and surgical supervision.

Miss Fisher, Lady Superintendent of the General Infirmary, is also Superintendent here. She visits the branch hospitals at least once a week, and through the telephone is kept in touch with them just as with the wards of the Infirmary.

That the Manager of the Infirmary and the Committee are able to keep the country branch running evenly and effectively certainly shows that in Leeds many of the public spirited men are geniuses.

The success of these convalescent hospitals has been proved in many ways, one is in making room at the Infirmary for acute cases. As the semi-convalescents are removed to The Ida so acute cases are taken into the wards. But it is from the patients' standpoint that these hospitals are such a success. When patients reach the stage, so well known to hospital nurses, when they seem to stand still, not well enough for the ordinary convalescent home, and yet not deriving much benefit from ward treatment, then these semi-convalescent hospitals become a boon.

The patients are removed to them in ambulances a distance of several miles, but it is from one bed to another.

They then have the advantage of proper hospital treatment, and the care of a Resident Medical Officer, with at the same time pleasant surroundings, fresh air, and nourishing food.

The semi-convalescent hospitals have proved a success, too, from the Nurses' point of view. Their nursing staff is supplied from the Infirmary. The Sister-in-charge is a permanent officer, but the nurses are sent for six months during their second or third year to gain experience in the nursing of convalescents.

To all nurses who have done private work the benefit of such training will appeal. This six months in the country, among people whose faces are generally speaking "set towards life" is invaluable to the nurses themselves from a health standpoint. The four years' training in the General Infirmary at Leeds would be a

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