

will really rouse itself on this question, and come to some wise conclusions in regard to the Bill in so far as it is affected by it.

NURSES' PROTECTION FUND.

The following sums have been received with thanks by the Committee organised to look after the interests of trained nurses in connection with the National Insurance Bill.

	£	s.	d.
Carried forward	2	3	6
Mrs. Kildare Treacy (Dublin) ...	1	0	0
Miss B. Kelly (Dublin)	1	0	0
Miss M. F. Macintyre	0	2	6
	£4	6	0

Progress of State Registration.

Dr. Winford H. Smith, in an address to the nurses at the graduation exercises of the Hartford, Connecticut, Hospital, published in the *International Hospital Record*, impressed upon his hearers the importance of taking their part in the development of their profession. He said:—

I have spoken of the wonderful growth of the nursing movement to its present proportions and recognised status. What is to be your part in the further development? Live up to the high standards that have been set in your profession. Be not content with the fact that you have received your diploma, but go farther and become registered. It is important that all who are qualified should register, that the graduate nurses may be formed into a body of legalised standing to combat the many attacks that are being made against the nursing movement and to differentiate clearly your standing from that of those misguided individuals who are lured to commercial institutions making attractive offers of short courses, because it is the cheapest way of getting the necessary service.

This is a real menace to your profession and an imposition upon the public. It is your duty then to join the ranks and to add to the numbers backing your leaders, who are fighting for you and your interests.

Finally, you have a duty to yourself. You have received certain privileges; you have been trained to study, to think and to do skilful service. Do not content yourself with the simple, perfunctory performance of such work as may come to you. Be ambitious, develop, keep up the habits of study and of thought which you have formed in the past three years. Keep your faculties alert and

your mind active, take an interest in a broader field than that limited by your own work. The broader your interest in life, the closer your study of its problems, the greater the healthy activity of your mind and body, the better work you will do in your specific line.

You have notable examples of achievement in your profession. This was not accomplished by choosing the easiest way, the path of least resistance. The opportunities for distinguished service are not yet exhausted.

THE OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GRADUATE NURSE.

Dr. Winford Smith also said to the new graduates: Your opportunities are great, your responsibilities are likewise great. You have responsibilities to the physicians with whom you work, to the public, to the hospital, to the nursing profession and to yourself. The physician relies on you to carry out his orders intelligently, to observe and report intelligently, to use tact and discretion in your association with and handling of the patient. He has a right to expect this, as you are a graduate of a recognised school of nursing.

To your patient, you owe it that your best effort be given. The case may be a difficult one, it may be uninteresting, your patient may be of unpleasing personality, the surroundings may be distasteful, yet you have accepted the case and so long as you remain it is your duty to give your best effort. If you are unwilling to do this, then you have not the true, the proper spirit for a nurse. If you cannot do it, leave the case. If you accept the call, the public has every right to expect and to demand that you give your best, that you conduct yourself as becomes a member of your profession, which the public has been taught to respect and to honour, consequently, to trust and depend upon.

You owe much to the hospital in which you have trained and this at the same time includes your school. You may have felt that you conferred a favour upon the school and the hospital by your presence. The favour has really been shown to you. Beyond question you have performed a service for the hospital which you may be sure is appreciated at its full value, but there never has been a time when the school and the hospital could not have gone on quite as well without you.

When you leave here, bear in mind that you do owe something to the hospital and the school. Let your personal conduct as well as your ability reflect nothing but credit upon this institution which will surely be judged by both. You leave here, but your influence upon the institution is still felt.

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