

as, owing to the lack of State organization and control of the nursing profession, criminals, posing as trained nurses, are now able to delude the public with the greatest impunity.

We hope that the Government will realize their responsibility to the community in this matter and, in the coming session will, as they have the power to do, give facilities for the Nurses' Registration Bill to pass into law. The House of Lords has, without hesitation, supported the principle of Nurses' Registration by passing the Bill introduced by Lord Ampthill in 1908 without a division. It now remains for the House of Commons to realize its responsibility, and to trifle with this question of national importance no longer.

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The appeal issued by the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, Bethnal Green, E., should commend itself to the generosity of women both because of the good work which it does in one of the poorest and most crowded districts of this great metropolis, and because it was founded by a woman, and is the only children's hospital in London with women on the committee. It is almost inconceivable that men should exclude the mother element from the management of hospitals in which children are received; but this being so, women will do well to concentrate their interest upon the hospital which has broken through this narrow exclusiveness. The hospital is most fortunate in its executive officers, Mr. T. Glenton Kerr, the secretary, and Miss A. M. Bushby, matron; and efficiency goes hand-in-hand with economy. The committee are at present hampered by a debt on the new buildings, which were absolutely necessary. This has been reduced from £12,000 to £2,750; but an overdraft at the bankers for maintenance makes its total debt over £5,000. Queen Alexandra is patron of the hospital, and the appeal is signed by H.R.H. Princess Henry of Battenberg, president, and several members of the Ladies' Association.

From the beginning of the New Year, general notification of pulmonary tuberculosis in England and Wales is made compulsory by an Order issued by the Local Government Board. The regulations, which will be enforced by the various sanitary authorities, will complete the system of notification inaugurated in 1908. Medical practitioners will have a somewhat delicate task in conforming to this Order, although the records left by the medical officers of health are to be regarded as strictly private and confidential. For many years the death-rate from pulmonary tuberculosis has steadily decreased, and in 1909 it was as low as 10.93 per 10,000 of the population.

The Charterhouse Hospital, which has just celebrated the tercentenary of its foundation, was

endowed by Thomas Sutton, who for many years was Master of the Ordnance to Queen Elizabeth. The place which he purchased for the foundation of his charity was known as Howard House, and the qualifications for admission to the Brotherhood were limited to such as were poor and had served their country, and "could bring good testimony of their good behaviour and soundness in religion."

Archbishop Laud and Oliver Cromwell were amongst its famous Governors. The Charity to-day is limited to poor gentlemen and the inmates enjoy practically absolute liberty.

WELCOME HELP.

The President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses acknowledges with many thanks the following donations to the funds of the Society: Miss Dinnie, 5s.; Miss C. Crichton-Stuart, 5s.; Mrs. Stabb, 5s.; "A Registered Nurse" (New Year's Gift), 5s.; Miss E. L. C. Eden, 5s.

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HEALTH ALPHABET.

A is for Adenoids which no child should own.
 B for right Breathing to give the lungs tone.
 C is for Cough which we should not neglect.
 D is for Dentist who finds tooth defect.
 E is for Evils of foul air and dirt.
 F is for Fresh Air—too much cannot hurt.
 G is for Gardens where boys and girls play.
 H is for Hardiness gained in that way.
 I is Infection from foul drinking cups.
 J is for Joy in the bubbling taps.
 K is for Knowledge of rules of good health.
 L is for Lungs whose soundness is wealth.
 M is for Milk—it must be quite pure.
 N is for Nurses, your health to insure.
 O is for Oxygen, not found in a crowd,
 P is for Pencils—in mouths not allowed.
 Q is for Quiet, which sick people need.
 R is for Rest—as part of our creed.
 S is for Sunshine to drive germs away.
 T is for Tooth-Brush used three times a day.
 U is for Useful Health rules in the school.
 V is the Value of learning these rules.
 W is Worry, which always does harm.
 X is 'Xcess—indulge in no form.
 Y is for Youth, the time to grow strong.
 Z is for Zest. Help the good work along.

—By a Chicago Tuberculosis Nurse, in the "Illinois Quarterly."

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