

registered under the Illinois state law, the case will be a leading one. It is a plain provision of the law as entered in the state statutes that it is a punishable misdemeanour to use the title R.N. unless a nurse be registered under the law, and our contemporary can see no possible chance for acquittal of the defendants.

We always regret we have not more time to enjoy the professional nursing journals, but they pour into this office in such wonderful abundance that we fear we do not learn half they have to teach. Miss Nancy E. Cadmus, R.N. Superintendent of the Manhattan Maternity Hospital, New York, and a member of the Nurse Board of Examiners of the State, has a paper in the *American Journal of Nursing*, entitled "The Awakening," in which she points the moral to the foolish virgins who failed to register in the time of grace "because I can't see it means any benefit to me!"

Often we have been pained by the apparently selfish view taken by those who should have been broad enough to see into the future, and not been so entirely influenced by the question of personal gain.

She continues: "The Awakening has come: graduate nurses find they cannot possibly enjoy the same standing without as with registration; they soon learn on application for a position in practically any one of the many channels now open to the trained nurse that it is of very little use unless she is registered.

"We all who compose this body of women known as trained nurses, holding credentials from reputable schools, should feel the responsibility of the future of our work, and not confine ourselves to seeking personal benefits, but rather give ourselves in every possible way to further the progress of the nursing profession in promoting and maintaining high standards of living and action."

On Bush Nursing the *Australasian Nurses' Journal* says: Work and business progress so smoothly at Jindabyne, the first district to have a Bush Nurse, that more and more it is being proved how useful and necessary a member of the community she is. It will be remembered that the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association set its face sternly against any system of providing a class of nurses for nursing in the Bush which was not thoroughly trained and adequately paid. Thus, though the system may be more slowly adopted in rural far-away districts, the quality of nursing when provided will be safe and worth having. This is true economy, both for patients and nurses.

REFLECTIONS.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Prince Arthur of Connaught, in opening a Health Exhibition at York, in connection with the Annual Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute, made a reference to the presence at the Congress of delegates from Japan. Comparisons, he added, were odious, but from personal knowledge he could testify to the fact that this country has much to learn from its allies in the Far East with reference to cleanliness in the home.

We are glad to hear that most useful hospital the East London Hospital for Children is now out of debt, largely due to the munificent donation of £4,000 given by Mr. C. F. Denny, in memory of his late wife.

The report presented by the Secretary (Mr. W. M. Wilcox) showed that there had been a decrease of considerably over £2,000 in the expenditure during the past half-year compared with the corresponding period in 1911. The number of both in-patients and out-patients showed a diminution, this, it was thought, being due to the more healthy conditions prevailing in the district and the absence of epidemics.

Queen Amélie of Portugal visited the Royal Free Hospital recently, and expressed great appreciation of all she saw. The Matron, Miss Cox-Davies, was amongst the members of the staff who conducted her round the wards. We can imagine Queen Amélie a first-rate hospital matron.

HEALTH LEAFLETS.

The National League for Physical Education and Improvement has recently added four new health leaflets to its well-known series, which has already met with so much appreciation both by Public Health Authorities and by the ever-increasing number of voluntary health workers. One deals with cleanliness in the home, another with fresh air and ventilation, while the other two contain instructions on bringing up breast-fed and bottle-fed infants respectively. The latter were drawn up by the Medical Sub-Committee of the Association of Infant Consultations and Schools for Mothers and by the Metropolitan Branch of the Society of Medical Officers of Health. The instructions have purposely been published separately, as it is thought that the indiscriminate distribution of printed matter, dealing in the same leaflet with both methods, tends to encourage bottle-feeding. All four are written in simple, forcible language, understandable by the most ignorant.

Specimen copies will gladly be sent on application to the Secretary of the League, at 4, Tavistock Square, W.C., if a stamp is enclosed for postage.

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