

once to his brother, who had met with a motor-car accident (it had been reported in the morning's papers). As the nurses do not live on the premises this he could not do. At the request of the Secretary he then gave the name of a house and occupant and address at Denmark Hill. As the case had been represented as urgent a nurse as soon as possible went off from her own address in a taxi, but no such house and no such address existed; thus the Society was defrauded of 14s. It would be interesting to know what would have happened to the nurse had she been carried off in the car. Anyway it is worth while using very great caution in accepting such an invitation.

The Bedale Rural Council have decided to accept the offer of the North Riding Rural Nursing Association to clean and air the isolation hospital, including provisions and railway expenses, for £33 5s. per annum, and also to nurse one patient at a fee of £3 per week, and more than one of £2 10s. per week. We hope that the Council has ascertained the quality of the nursing to be provided, as the ordinary fee of a private nurse holding a three years' certificate is £3 3s. per week for an infectious case, or £2 2s. for an ordinary case.

Writing in the *West Riding Magazine*, Miss Violetta Thurston, the Superintendent, says, in addressing the nurses:—

"Most of you, I expect, read about the great Nursing Congress that took place at Cologne in August. I was fortunate enough to be present and was much struck by the feeling of union and co-operation that existed among the Nurses there. There were Nurses from nearly every country, Germany, France, Great Britain, Austria, Holland, Italy, Finland, Russia, India, Japan, America, New Zealand, Australia, and others—they spoke different languages, but they had the one ideal in common—co-operation—working together to lift our profession on to a higher plane, to secure for the coming generation of Nurses more education, better training, fuller opportunities than we had ourselves. If this spirit can pervade an International gathering, much more should we in the same country, bound together by innumerable ties, try to break down the barriers which are apt to be built so high round the different classes of the profession. Hospital nurses, district nurses, private nurses, school nurses, all have much to learn from each other, and all can help each other in different ways."

Our National Council of Nurses provides for such co-operation—Hospital and Infirmary, Private and School Nurses through their

Leagues are already in affiliation. District nurses at present have no organization of their own. Why do not the Queen's Nurses form a League? The Superintendents have their Associations, and meet most happily together. Through national affiliation they could then all link up with the International Council of Nurses, which convened the Congress at Cologne, to which Miss Thurston alludes with approval. As the National Council of Nurses will in future hold an annual Conference, means will thus be available for social amenities and free discussion between all branches of the profession.

Miss Jeannie Sutherland is thoroughly enjoying her visit to Canada and the United States *en route* for home in New Zealand. She has visited many hospitals, and specially enjoyed a reception given in her honour in Toronto by the Ontario Graduate Nurses' Association, where she was entertained to tea at the Nurses' Club. Here she again met Miss Snively and Miss Rogers, last seen at Cologne; also Miss Crosby, the editor of the *Canadian Nurse*. Miss Sutherland writes: "They were all interested to hear about State Registration in New Zealand, and of the very great benefit it has been to our profession there. I feel proud of my country when I note that so many other places of greater importance in the world are so far behind us in many things. What a pity we are so far away. I shall do all I can to rouse the spirit of internationalism amongst our nurses on my return to New Zealand, and hope it will be well represented in 1915."

Miss Nutting writes: "We have greatly enjoyed having Miss Brodrick here, and all of our people have been greatly impressed with her self-sacrificing devotion to her work and people. She came to one of our teas at the College, and you should have seen our students crowding around her, eagerly listening to her stories of her work. She has been, indeed, a welcome visitor, and I trust has succeeded in securing further support for her hospital settlement."

It will not upset the equilibrium of this witty and devoted social reformer that during her absence, when unable to defend herself, the commercial nursing press has week by week imputed unworthy motives to her visit to the States. We all know, when face to face with her traducers, how capable Miss Brodrick is of smiting them hip and thigh with the retort courteous.

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