

we desire to express our good wishes for the future of the latest addition to the ranks of professional journals, well knowing how onerous a task is the editorship of a paper pledged to voice the interests and express the professional voice of trained nurses.

#### A GOOD CHANCE.

An opportunity for a trained nurse, with experience in the management of a private nursing home, and who is willing to expend some capital in acquiring the goodwill of such a Home in India, will be found in our advertisement columns. Miss Butcher, the proprietor of the Bellevue Sanatorium, Murree, Punjab, who has another Home in the South of India, is desirous of disposing of the one at Murree. We understand that it affords good prospects for a hard worker in a delightful climate.

#### THE REGISTRATION LAW IN ILLINOIS.

We are sometimes apt to think that the difficulty encountered in maintaining professional standards in this country is not experienced to the same extent elsewhere; but, recently, the experience of registered nurses in Illinois, U.S.A., shows that they need to be on the alert, if they are not to be deprived of the benefit of their registration law, for which they worked and fought hard, against a very unscrupulous interested opposition, for several years. In April last, it came to the knowledge of the State Board of Examiners, that, in a catalogue issued by the Rhodes Avenue Hospital, the names of the Supervising Nurse (Miss Randel), and the Head Nurse, were published, bearing the title "R. N." Thereupon, as they were not registered in the State of Illinois, the Secretary wrote to enquire if they were registered in any other State. No answer was received, and prosecution followed. It came out in evidence that the offending catalogue, which is an official document of the hospital, was published by the authority of the Superintendent (Dr. Deacon). The Supervising Nurse pleaded ignorance of any knowledge that the letters "R. N." were appended to her name till after publication; but it was proved that she made no effort to rectify the mistake. The judge, who, in the first instance, was understood to order the destruction of the catalogues, which was not done, at the next hearing ruled that he had no jurisdiction, since the defendant had nothing to do with the publication of the offending title, and that he had only recommended the destruction of the catalogues. He decided in favour of the defendant.

Miss Randel is now suing the members of the State Board of Examiners for 25,000 dollars damages, for false arrest and malicious prosecution. The registered nurses of the State appear to be fully alive to the fact that it is their duty to stand by the State Board, and support their efforts to protect the status of the registered nurse.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

##### MATRON.

**Skipton and District Hospital, Skipton, Yorkshire.**—Miss Florence Eggins has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Worcester, where she subsequently for three years held in succession the positions of Out-patient Sister and Ward Sister. In 1904 she was appointed Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Preston, where she remained for seven years as Night Sister and Sister in the children's and women's wards. Last year she was appointed Senior Sister at the Children's Hospital, Bradford, with charge of the theatre, out-patient department, and X-Ray departments.

**Cottage Hospital, Tavistock.**—Miss Mary F. Heaton has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, where she has held the positions of Night Superintendent, Sister, and Temporary Assistant Matron.

##### HOME SISTER.

**Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool.**—Miss Agnes Bagnall has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and has held the position of Sister at the Clayton Hospital, Wakefield, and of Night Sister at the General Infirmary, Chester.

##### COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

**Surrey County Nursing Association, Guildford.**—Miss Mary Simpson has been appointed County Superintendent. She was trained at the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, and has held the position of Sister at the Plaistow Fever Hospital. She has also been on the staff of the British Lying-in Hospital, Endell Street, for a year and a half, and Midwife and Charge Nurse at the Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, for a similar period. She has had experience as a trainer of nurses at Plaistow, and as Assistant Superintendent of District Nurses at Manchester. Since 1908 she has been a Queen's Nurse. She has also had experience of private nursing.

##### WARD SISTER.

**Chelsea Infirmary, Chelsea, S.W.**—The following ladies have been appointed Ward Sisters: Miss Maud le Bas, trained at the Westminster Hospital, Broad Sanctuary, S.W.; Miss Margaret Houston, trained at the Middlesex Hospital, S.W.; Miss Mabel Taaffe, trained at the Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool.

**South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth.**—Miss Cecilia Blackler has been appointed Sister of the Finsen Light and X-Ray Department. She was trained at the South Devon Hospital, Plymouth, and subsequently temporarily acted as Sister. She has also been Staff Nurse at the Hospital, Wellington, Somerset, and has a certificate for ophthalmic nursing from the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, E.C.

**Royal Victoria and West Hants Hospital, Bournemouth.**—Miss Constance M. Ryley has

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