

partly due to an arrangement by which all the nurses working in connection with Lady Dudley's scheme go through a course of training there.

LADY DUDLEY'S SCHEME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICT NURSES IN THE POOREST PARTS OF IRELAND.

It was a generous impulse which made Lady Dudley desirous of sending trained nurses to the poorest parts of Ireland, and it was a recognition of the fact that only thoroughly trained women should be sent to outlying districts, where they are constantly placed in positions of great responsibility, which prompted the wise and just decision that only those possessing the full qualifications of a Queen's Nurse should be eligible for appointment. Unfortunately the promoters of the scheme are finding the same condition as is evident elsewhere. The supply is deteriorating. So far the scheme has been fortunate in securing resolute high principled nurses, with a knowledge of their professional work only equalled by their devotion to duty, who have faced undaunted the difficulties of the life. But the last report states that such candidates are by no means so numerous as formerly, and the Committee, in this report, appeal to Roman Catholic Nurses, and we hope not in vain, to come forward and take up this work, knowing that in the ranks of faithful workers a critical need is never unheeded.

A HISTORY OF NURSING.

The monumental work in four volumes, the two first compiled by Miss M. A. Nutting and Miss L. L. Dock—the two latter, which contain a masterly review of nursing all over the world, up-to-date, secured, arranged and edited by Miss Dock alone—should be found in every nursing school which attempts to train nurses on efficient and ethical lines. The truths to be found in this wonderful "History" are of more value to the nursing profession than a hundred average text books—and it should be the ambition of every nurse to possess it. Putnam's Sons, Bedford Street, London, and New York, are the publishers. Specimens of the complete work will be on view on THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING stand at the Nursing Exhibition, Mills Hall, Dublin, and also on the Literature Stall in the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, where the Nursing Conference will be held from June 4th to 6th. We invite all visitors to inspect it, and have no doubt that all interested in nursing who can afford to do so will then acquire it.

THE COLONIAL NURSING ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Colonial Nursing Association will, by kind invitation, be held at the Royal Colonial Institute, on Tuesday, June 10th, at 3.30 p.m. H.R.H Princess Henry of Battenberg will honour the meeting by her presence. The Lord Amptill, G.C.S.I., will preside.

THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

The progressive parties in the medical and nursing world approve the organisation of the Nursing Profession by State Registration, because by no other than legal means can an efficient standard of nursing education, or just economic conditions for nurses, be generally enforced. This reform, which has been agitated for a quarter of a century, has now very wide professional support. The Nurses' Registration Bill, which has been before Parliament for ten years, is now promoted by the Central Committee for the State Registration of Trained Nurses—composed of delegates from the British Medical Association, the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, the Royal British Nurses' Association, the Society for the State Registration of Nurses, the Fever Nurses' Association, the Association for the State Registration of Nurses in Scotland, the Scottish Nurses' Association, and the Irish Nurses' Association.

The opposition is focussed in the Central Hospital Council for London—a society comprised of about forty gentlemen, mostly chairmen of Metropolitan Hospitals, and members of their honorary medical staffs. Nurses are not members of this Council—so that its manifestoes cannot be recognised as an expression of expert nursing opinion. Why, moreover, should a few London hospital men be permitted to dictate to the organised nurses of the United Kingdom?

We could advance very good reasons why they should *not* be permitted to do so.

An article by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick on State Registration of Nurses will be found in *The Englishwoman* for June.

As so many of the London daily papers keep the public in the dark on this important question, the article aims at placing the truth at its disposal. The intelligent type of woman who reads *The Englishwoman* can do much to help the nursing profession in its very disadvantageous fight with hospital managers, many of whom are newspaper proprietors, who have absolute control over their training, and who know nothing and care less about nursing education, or the economic condition of women generally.

It is greatly to be regretted that so many London papers exclude expert expressions of opinion, from medical men and nurses, on the registration question, and admit the banal trash contributed by anonymous members of the general public, who have made some wild suggestions during the past week.

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