

- Miss I. C. COLE (Z.B.M.M.), trained at Mildmay Mission Hospital, proceeding to Nasik.
- Miss M. COULTHURST (S.P.G.), trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, proceeding to Ranchi.
- *Miss CURRY (Memorial Hospital), trained at St. Pancras Infirmary, to Aleppo.
- *Miss C. FOUND (E.U.S.A.), trained at the "London" Hospital, to South America.
- *Miss G. F. FOX (C.W.M.M.), trained at the "London" Hospital, to Poona.
- *Miss GEORGE (U.F.C.S.), trained at Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, to Tiberias.
- Miss E. J. HAWARD (L.M.S.), trained at Guy's Hospital, proceeding to Peking.
- Miss E. KENWRICK (L.M.S.), trained at London Homœopathic Hospital, proceeding to Peking.
- Miss D. LLOYD (C.M.S.), trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, proceeding to Cairo.
- Miss M. B. MILLER (C.M.S.), trained at Borough Hospital, Liverpool, proceeding to Miltan.
- *Miss H. OVERTON (W.M.M.S.), trained at Royal Infirmary, Derby, to China.
- Miss A. C. PETTIGREW (U.F.C.S.), trained at Western Infirmary, Glasgow, proceeding to Bengal.
- Miss G. RODGERS (S.P.G.), trained at Birmingham Infirmary, proceeding to Cawnpore.
- Miss I. SCOTT (L.M.S.), trained at Charing Cross Hospital, proceeding to Bombay.
- Miss A. R. SIMMONDS (C.M.S.), trained at Prince of Wales' General Hospital, Tottenham, proceeding to Miltan.
- *Miss N. E. SMITH, (P.V.M.), trained at Whipp's Cross Infirmary, to Palestine.
- *Miss W. M. STRUBBS (E.P.M.), trained at Nelson General Hospital, New Zealand, to China.
- Miss L. WADE (C.M.S.), trained at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, proceeding to Peshawar.
- Miss R. M. WILSON (U.F.C.S.), trained at Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, proceeding to Livingstonia.

LECTURES FOR HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Nurses' Missionary League has arranged a series of Lectures for Hospital Nurses on Wednesday mornings in October, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. The first Lecture will be held at University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C., the other four at 33, Bedford Square, W.C., by the kind permission of the Misses Gregory.

SALE OF WORK.

A Sale of Work in aid of the Nurses' Missionary League will be held on Saturday, November 8th, at Sloane Gardens House, 52, Lower Sloane Street, London, S.W. All friends wishing to forward the work of the League are cordially invited to send useful or fancy articles, cakes, sweets, or money to Miss H. G. Richardson, at the above address. *Purchasers are also greatly needed.*

*Those marked * will have sailed before September 29th.*

YORKSHIRE POOR LAW CONFERENCE.

STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES SUPPORTED

The annual conference of the Yorkshire Poor Law Boards was opened at the Board room of the Scarborough Guardians, Dean Road, on Friday, the 19th inst. The conference, which extended over two days, was attended by representatives of the majority of the Boards of Guardians in the county. Mr. George Rowntree, J.P., vice-chairman of the Scarborough Board of Guardians, presided.

THE NURSING QUESTION.

The most important question discussed was that of the Training of Nurses, which was presented in a most admirable and comprehensive Paper by Dr. B. Holroyd Slater, M.B., B.C., F.R.C.S., Medical Superintendent of the Bradford Union Hospital. Having touched on the evolution of nursing in the past, he stated:—

The keynote of good nursing is no longer religious enthusiasm and obedience to monastic superiors, but intelligent obedience founded upon knowledge, only to be acquired by systematic education. In dealing with the peculiarities of different patients, the modern nurse needs practical skill, powers of observation, tact, and sympathy controlled by reason. For the acquisition of these qualities, and of the practical knowledge which experience alone can give, no less a period than three years spent in a training school will suffice. It is obvious that the demands upon the physical and mental powers of a hospital nurse are heavy, and that her duties should not be undertaken too early in life, nor except after favourable reports upon her physical health, morals, intelligence, and education. It is on the side of private nursing that the evils of the present haphazard system of training chiefly fall. Private nursing affects the general public more closely than any other, since both doctors and patients depend almost entirely on the trustworthiness and experience of nurses. And yet, under our present system, it is the branch of the profession most open to women of little or no pretensions to knowledge. This dreadful possibility is due, partly to the ignorance of the community at large, partly to apathy and mistaken kindness on the part of doctors, and partly to the cupidity of speculators, who can engage women at low salaries, with practically no investigation of their antecedents, and send them out as "trained" nurses at fees such as will yield a handsome profit. Some of the women who join nursing homes are not fully-trained nurses at all. They have passed no test of proficiency, and the total extent of their training is the little they have been able to pick up during a year or two years at, say, a small workhouse with a few beds set apart for sick cases. Many women pose as nurses capable of general sick nursing whose sole training is comprised within two years spent in a fever hospital. What knowledge can such nurses have of surgical and general medical

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