

imaginary, and that they should be possible is surely a blot on our national system, and an injustice to the nurse, her patient, and the general public. If a woman gives three or four years of her life to learning her trade, she has surely a right to ask that somehow she shall be taught it efficiently, as the public has a right to ask to demand that the articles it pays for shall be up to the standard professed."

Miss Joseph would like to see the whole system of training remodelled on the lines of a University education, and suggests that the training schools might have an entrance examination to test the education and general intelligence of their pupils, in the same way that a college does, then the schools would correspond to the colleges, and the examinations to "Moderates" and "Greats" both of which have to be passed before a man can take his degree. These examinations to be independent of the individual training school, thus fixing a uniform standard. After the first examination Miss Joseph considers that a probationer should know what particular branch of nursing she intends to take up, and should specialize in that particular line.

Where we disagree with Miss Joseph is in her belief that a nurse can be efficiently trained for District Nursing in a "District Training School." Nothing takes the place of systematic training in the hospital ward, under good discipline as a foundation for subsequent nursing in every branch; thus the medical student whether his ultimate goal is general, special or consultant practice must pass through the same clinical experience in the hospital wards, and the sick poor are entitled to be nursed by women who have had the same advantages and experiences as those who nurse the sick rich. Illness is no respecter of persons.

By the kindness of *La Garde Malade Hospitalière* we are able to publish the accompanying picture of M. Poincaré, President of the French Republic when he recently honoured the Tondu Hospital, Bordeaux, with a visit. The President was received by the Administrator of Hospitals, M. Charles Cazalet, and the Directrice, Mlle. Gallienne, in the presence of the President of the Council, the Prefect of the Gironde, the Mayor of Bordeaux and many other distinguished personages, and signed his name in the book of the nurses of the school. Originally instituted on the foundation of the school for the signatures of the friends of the nurses, it contains a most precious collection of autographs.

After M. Cazalet had spoken the address of

welcome in which he reminded the President that the nursing school of the Tondu was the first instance of the incorporation of such a school of lay nurses in connection with a civil hospital in France, the President replied warmly commending the hospital and the nursing school, saying that he knew the noble women connected with it were worthy colleagues of those in Paris, and with what devotion and disinterestedness they performed their delicate and honourable duties. Mlle. Gallienne then presented to the President for Mme. Poincaré a superb basket of roses and orchids, after which the President and his entourage, accompanied by the Professors, visited the wards.

The Ladysmith Branch of the King Edward Order of Nurses in South Africa will soon be opened as the Natal Centre. Extensive renovations are being made to the premises recently purchased, and it is expected that the nurses will take up their residence there at an early date; when they will be available for duty. The house, which is commodious, is centrally situated. Viscount Gladstone has made a very handsome donation towards its purchase.

At the September meeting of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association, a letter was read from Dr. Barrett, following on one sent to him, in which it was stated that the opinion of the Council was that nurses regarded the salary of Bush nurses as inadequate, and suggested an increased salary being offered before nurses were brought out from England. In Dr. Barrett's letter he asks what the Council would consider an adequate salary, and also asks for information regarding salaries paid by other institutions, and for private nurses, and if the Council will guarantee a supply of nurses at an increased salary. It was agreed that the President and others should interview Dr. Barrett.

It will be remembered that Dr. Barrett when in England engaged nurses for service as Bush nurses at a salary by no means munificent. Also there was a fear that some of these nurses might not hold a certificate for three consecutive years' training in a general hospital, and thereby compete unfairly with nurses trained in Australasia who did.

We are always pleased to note Nurses' Associations keeping an eye on the training and standards of nurses who emigrate. For too long a period women of very inferior attain-

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