

a "back-door" splint has aroused much interest. The patient, a spinal case, lies perfectly comfortable in this splint, and by means of its "back door" all necessary treatment can be carried out.

#### PRIVATE NURSING.

The Surgical Outfit for a Private Nurse exhibited by Miss Hephzibah Walker, of the South Kensington Nurses, is very complete, and a nurse who arrives with it at her case need have no fear as to the sufficiency of her equipment, including a stand for electric light.

#### DOLLS.

##### THE CHELSEA INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The dainty dolls sent by Miss Barton and the Chelsea Infirmiry Nurses' League, skilfully arranged by Miss Jones, the Assistant Matron, represent every department of nursing from Matron, with her faithful doggie at her feet, to the prison nurse sent by the Matron of Holloway Prison, and Mrs. Gamp side by side with a Queen Charlotte's nurse in white piqué. All the uniforms are copied most faithfully, including that of the Registered Nurses Society, and are charming and fresh as nurses' uniforms should be.

##### MISS EDEN.

The delightful set of historical dolls sent by Miss Eden, Taunton, are creating much interest and incidentally teaching history. The Plague attendant of the seventeenth century, clothed in leather, with a leather nose filled with aromatic drugs, the Béguine, the Friar of the fourteenth century, and many others should cause a great searching of history.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Among the miscellaneous exhibits are to be noted the aluminium district box designed by Miss Eden, which is dust-proof and watertight and can be used as a sterilizer. The beautiful wax models of rashes sent by her, as well as a sheet device for a phthisical case, and an expedient for keeping mackintoshes taut designed by Dutch nurses. A foot-board designed by Miss F. L. Morris, which keeps a patient from slipping down in bed (obtainable from the Medical Supply Association); a gown for a "barrier nurse" sent by Miss Drakard, Matron at Plaistow Hospital, and a doll dressed to represent one. Under the barrier system a nurse cares for cases of various disease, with aseptic precautions, and they do not spread; the mask for out-patients after tonsil or adenoid operation, sent by Miss E. Hutchinson, Royal Infirmiry, Manchester; the breast bandage designed by Nurse Cross for nursing mothers, the floating glass labels supplied by Messrs. Down, the Meinecke "Perfection" Bedpan, the Nurse Christie Urinal, sold by the Hospitals and General Contracts Co., the Tabloid first-aid cases of Messrs. Burroughs & Wellcome, and other exhibits of interest.

#### LITERATURE.

Needless to say, there is a brisk sale of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING and State Registration literature, especially when Miss Beatrice Kent, indefatigable and persuasive, is on duty.

## STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

When Sir Ronald and Lady Helen Munro Ferguson left Victoria on Wednesday morning last for Australia, representatives of the registration movement attended to wish them God-speed in their future work for the Empire.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick presented to Lady Helen a beautiful bouquet of unwired scarlet carnations, lilies of the valley, and blue cineraria, and, as President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, conveyed the very sincere gratitude of its members for their support of the principle of the elevation of nursing, through organization by the State. Also the warm appreciation of Miss A. W. Gill, so closely associated with Scottish nurses. Miss Keogh, Past President of the Irish Nurses' Association, spoke for Irish nurses, and Miss L. L. Dock, R.N., as an American nurse. Their expressions of goodwill were received with charming cordiality.

With the departure of Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson as Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia, so long in charge of our Bill in the House of Commons, it is interesting to recall how many friends who in the past have backed it have risen to eminent positions in the service of the State. As the very first backer on the very first Bill, brought in in 1904, stands the name of Mr. Haldane, now the Right Honble. Viscount Haldane, Lord Chancellor and Speaker in the House of Lords; Sir James Joicey, now Lord Joicey; Mr. H. J. Tennant, now Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for War and Civil Member of the Army Council; Dr. Macnamara, now Financial Secretary to the Admiralty; and Sir John Dickson Poynder, now Lord Islington and Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand. Let us hope the eminent men who are at present supporting our claims may all receive in due course the recognition and promotion their services to the State deserve.

Dr. Chapple, referring in the House of Commons last week to the employment of nurses through Labour Exchanges, said the President of the Board of Trade had stated in reply to a question that 24 nurses had been found employment by Labour Exchanges, and had added that it was left to the discretion of the Labour Exchange officials to distinguish between qualified and unqualified nurses. That was too serious a responsibility to place upon those officials. What was to prevent a Labour Exchange from sending to attend the sick a woman like the one who was sentenced to

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