

PROGRESSIVE GERMANY.

COLLEGE FOR WOMEN IN LEIPZIG.

It is well known that in the College for Women in Leipzig a special post-graduate curriculum was established two years ago for hospital nurses, in order to provide them with a good qualification for the posts of Matrons of Hospitals and Superintendents of Sanatoria. A great many women—members of various organisations and Associations—have availed themselves of this course, which is sufficient proof that it has supplied a need. The experiences of the past two years have led to the introduction of a new and more comprehensive plan of study. This plan will be sent to all those interested, free of charge. The course consists of anatomy, physiology, bacteriology, chemistry, hygiene, scientific photography, nursing technique, in addition to hospital administration, &c.

The teaching staff consists exclusively of Leipzig University men (doctors and natural science scholars). Two Nursing Sisters are also engaged in teaching, one of whom has been officially appointed. The College, with its possibilities of creative education, is, in its completeness, the only one in Europe.

Columbia University, New York, with its excellent arrangements, has served as a model. During the past six months the College has been furnished with two perfectly equipped laboratories for the purpose of the post-graduate education of the nurses, namely, one for chemical-physics, for the purpose of research into, and elucidation of, the most important of physical laws; for learning to recognise by reaction important chemical elements. For preparation of solutions, the simple examination of water, gastric juice, urine, and the testing of foodstuffs, &c. The other is a biological-bacteriology laboratory. The course is for two years, and ends with a final examination. This examination confers upon the students State recognition. One of the advantages of this College is that any Sister (nurse) desiring to qualify as laboratory assistant, or hospital chemist, Röntgen Ray operator, &c., can do so here.

This is a special course and is for one year, at the end of which time a certificate is given. The fees for both courses are £8 the half-year. This extremely moderate sum entitles the students to all lectures and practical demonstrations.

Let us hope when our Florence Nightingale Chair of Nursing and Health is established, we also may have equal educational advantages.

DEPUTATION TO THE HOME SECRETARY.

STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

"You have entirely satisfied me on one point, that your claim relates to something quite different from the objections put forward."

—MR. MCKENNA.

On Thursday, July 30th, Mr. McKenna, Secretary of State for the Home Department, received, at the Home Office, a Deputation from Societies interested in the State Registration of Trained Nurses, organised by the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses.

The Deputation, which was introduced by Dr. Chapple, M.P., who is in charge of the Nurses Registration Bill, drafted by the Central Committee, in the House of Commons, included representatives of the following societies:—

The British Medical Association.—Dr. E. W. Goodall, Hon. Medical Secretary Central Committee, Medical Superintendent Eastern Hospital, Homerton.

The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland.—Miss E. M. Musson, Matron, General Hospital, Birmingham; Miss Eleanor Barton, Matron, Chelsea Infirmary.

The Royal British Nurses' Association.—Mr. Comyns Berkeley, Hon. Treasurer of the Central Committee, who had hoped to be present, was unfortunately prevented at the last moment from attending. Miss Isabel Macdonald, Secretary of the Association, was present.

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President; Miss Margaret Breay, Hon. Secretary.

The Fever Nurses' Association.—Dr. Foord Caiger, Medical Superintendent, South Western Hospital, Stockwell; Dr. Biernacki, Medical Superintendent, Plaistow Fever Hospital.

The Irish Nurses' Association.—Miss I. C. Keogh, Past President.

The National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland.—Miss R. Cox-Davies, Matron, Royal Free Hospital, President, League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, and Royal Free Hospital Nurses League.

School Nurses' League.—Miss H. L. Pearse, President.

Association of Superintendents of Nursing Homes.—Mrs. Arthur Stabb, Chairman.

National Union of Women Workers (Legislation Committee).—Miss E. M. Eaton.

Women's Local Government Society.—Lady Strachey, President.

Women's Industrial Council.—Miss Winifred Rintoul.

Penal Reform League.—Mrs. Maxwell St. John, R.R.C., formerly Lady Superintendent in the Indian Army Nursing Service.

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