

PROFESSIONAL REVIEW.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF NURSING
EDUCATION.

One of the volumes to which we look forward with special pleasure each year, and which, by the kindness of our American colleagues never fails to arrive, is that containing an account of the proceedings of the National League of Nursing Education, formerly the American Society of Superintendents of Training School for Nurses. Between the brown covers of these annual volumes, at first slender, now increasingly bulky, there is packed so much wisdom, so much professional appreciation and goodwill, evidence of so much friendship between the allied professions of medicine and nursing, so many high ideals that the book is always a delight, but one which can by no means be reviewed with any degree of adequacy in the limits of one short column.

If we take the instance of professional appreciation, we find it in the concluding words of the Presidential Address of Miss Clara D. Noyes at the joint opening meeting with the American Nurses' Association and the National Organization of Public Health Nursing at the St. Louis Convention: "It is well for us at this time to give pause to recall the spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion which has always characterised that group of gallant women who have from the very first meeting until the present one, been the bone and sinew of our societies. They have counted not the cost either in time or strength or money. They have brought to each succeeding meeting added experience and knowledge that we less experienced workers draw upon for inspiration and counsel. Let us then, without hesitation, bring our problems to these meetings, not solely for the purpose of securing help, but with the intention of giving such."

In regard to the good feeling between medicine and nursing, listen to Dr. George Dock, Washington University, Medical School, St. Louis, Mo.:—"The nurse is no longer a mere maker of beds, administrator of medicine, and soother of pain, just as the doctor is no longer a maker of pills and potions. She has become the eyes and the hands of the doctor in dozens of details besides the elementary features of pulse counting, temperature taking, and medicine giving. The more learned and expert the doctor, the more can he and the patient profit from the accomplished nurse. The nurse cannot do her duty without also taking part in the essential features of the doctor's work—the prevention of disease, the conservation of health, not merely in the abstract, but in every patient cared for. But she cannot avoid going on to still other lines of work. From her training she becomes now a chef, a house-keeper, or manager of an asylum, sanatorium, or other great institution, a school nurse, a department store nurse, fresh air camp nurse, or excursion nurse, a health inspector, factory or sweat shop inspector, milk station manager or assistant, insurance nurse, specialist in anæsthesia, an X-ray or Finsen light operator, a social

service expert, a charity aid organizer, the organizer of complex and extensive movements in times of war, floods and other calamities."

With all these problems in their special province what wonder that nurses seek the fullest training and experience available, or that in annual conference they seek to solve some of their many problems.

Mrs. Chapman Catt, U.S.A., president of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, announces that the suffrage had been granted to two more States—Montana and Nevada—and that there is a probability of its being granted in Nebraska.

NOT AS THE WORLD GIVETH.

If ye enter my service, if ye serve under me,
Not as the world giveth give I to thee.
If ye minister only for what the world pays,
For that which will wither, for that which decays,
Then as the world gives, it will give unto you,
But its gold and its silver will never ring true;
For you'll find that its promise of pleasure and joy
Will ever be dulled by the dross of alloy;
The world pays for service in silver and gold—
With me ye will often be hungry and cold.
Will ye enter my service, march under my flag?
Then will ye be weary and footsore, and lag;
But the soul will grow strong as the body grows weak,
And the service of *soul* is the service I seek.
Whate'er the world giveth it also retains;
What comes from the world, in the world it remains;
But that which I give is eternally thine;
And the soul that serves me is eternally mine.
Then not as the world gives give I unto thee,
My peace I give unto those who serve me.

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COMING EVENTS.

November 19th.—Monthly Meeting of Central Midwives Board, Board Room, Caxton House, Westminster, S.W. 3.30 p.m.

November 25th.—Irish Nurses' Association: Lecture by Mr. Lindeburg, on "Remedial Exercises for S. Shaped Scoliosis," 34, St. Stephen's Green. 7.30 p.m.

December 3rd.—Annual Meeting National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., 4 p.m.

December 5th.—General Meeting League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, Clinical Theatre, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 3 p.m.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

LORD ROBERTS.

The whole country, the whole Empire, mourn him, and join in the grief of those he has left behind him. Yet for them, as for us, it must be a chastened grief, for he has had length of days and a full life, and he leaves a memory that is almost perfect.—*The Times*.

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