

opinion of the National Council of Trained Nurses.

Miss C. G. Cheatley writes that whatever kind of splint is used in the treatment of fractures, the nurse should always be on the watch for excessive pressure. After the splints are applied the limb frequently swells, and the bandage may become so tight as to cause gangrene of the part.

Bedsore are often very difficult to prevent in cases of fracture. The patient has to lie still in one position, and in such cases as fractured hip is very helpless. The usual precautions must be practised with the utmost care.

On a representation by the Medical Officer of Health, the Public Health Committee of Edinburgh Town Council has agreed to recommend the appointment of three district tuberculosis nurses, making a total of six.

We congratulate the Cape Hospital Board on its interest in nursing education, and quote from the *South African Nursing Record* as follows:—

"Since writing our leader this month we have received the report of the Colonial Medical Council's meeting for October, and note therein that the Council has been approached by the Cape Hospitals' Board for advice on certain matters appertaining to its probationer nurses. A notice of motion on the same subject already stood in Dr. Wood's name. Briefly, the Board proposes to demand a certain standard of general education from probationers entering on their training, to be judged presumably by a preliminary examination on general subjects; and also to offer increased facilities to its nurses for systematic study. Both these matters we have written about several times, and we sincerely hope that some definite understanding may be arrived at. The Cape Hospitals' Board is to be congratulated on taking this definite step in the direction of the advancement of nursing learning and the amelioration of the professional status of the trained nurse."

#### STATE REGISTRATION.

The following Resolution has been passed by the Board of Management of the Royal Sussex County Hospital:—

"That all Nurses who have gone through a three years' course of training in an approved General Hospital should be entitled to be registered should they so desire, and that no one else should be allowed to call herself a 'Registered Nurse'."

#### FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Fever Nurses' Association was held on December 7th.

It was reported that of 64 candidates who entered for the October examination for the Association's Certificate, 49 were successful. They were elected registered members of the Association. Their names have already been published.

It was resolved to request the heads of those Fever Hospitals which are recognised by the Association as Training Schools for fever nursing to state in their advertisements for probationers that the Association's Certificate is to be obtained at the hospital.

It was also resolved to draw the attention of Committees of Fever Hospitals to the value of the Association's Certificate as evidence of efficient training in fever nursing.

#### "URGENT CASES" HOSPITAL FOR FRANCE.

Miss Evelyn E. C. Eden, who knows conditions in France well, and the need of our brave Allies, is making an appeal for an "Urgent Cases" Hospital for France. The scheme is sanctioned by the French Ministry for War, and approved by Sir Wilmot Herringham, Advisory Physician to the Expeditionary Force in France, and others. At present many cases receive no attention for days, and when they reach the base hospitals it is too late. Facilities for early operations are thus a very great need on the French lines of communications. Men whose lives might have been saved are dying of gangrene and other forms of sepsis. Our Allies have greater difficulties to contend with than we have. They have in their country Belgian and German wounded, and they have had an invading enemy devastating the land. Besides, a good many English wounded are brought to base hospitals in France. It is proposed to place the hospital either at the rail head or on the railway line, as decided by the authorities. The more urgent cases would be immediately operated on there, and passed on as soon as ready to travel, and so make room for more. It is estimated that about £5,000 are necessary to carry out an efficient scheme. Each hospital is to have about 50 beds, and we note with pleasure that the nurses are to be fully trained. The temporary office is 39, Great Smith Street, S.W., where Miss Eden will gladly receive contributions. It is hoped that motors will work in connection with the hospital, so that it may be mobile.

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