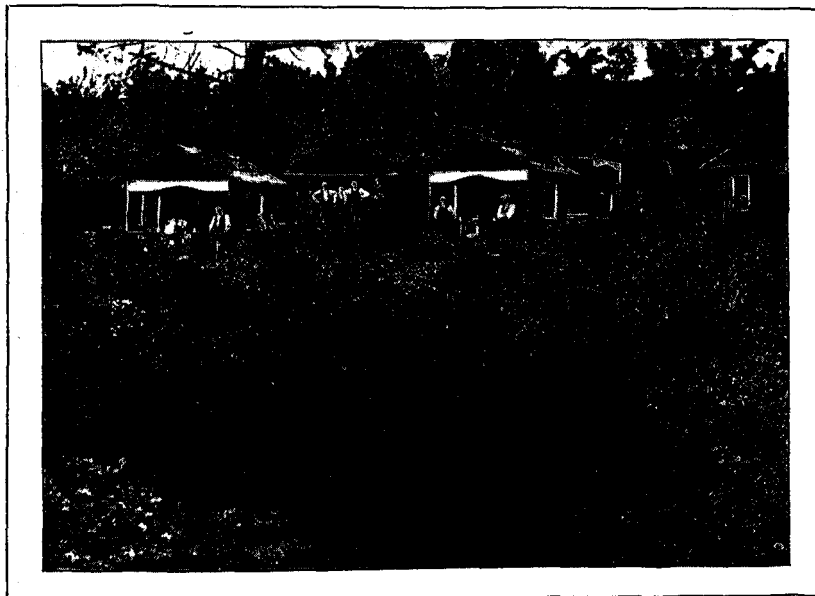


STATE REGISTRATION THE REMEDY FOR INEFFICIENT NURSING.

In the Annual Report of the Council of the British Medical Association published in the Supplement to the *British Medical Journal* of May 8th (the official organ of the Association), it was reported that the Council resolved

"That this meeting views with concern the increasing number of insufficiently trained nurses, and instructs the Council to call upon the Government, and the other authorities concerned to take steps to remedy the evil." The Council further expressed the opinion that "the restriction of the number of insufficiently trained nurses will be best brought about by the Association, and



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other bodies interested, continuing their efforts to obtain State Registration of Nurses."

This Report was approved by the Annual Representative Meeting held in London on Friday, July 23rd, and the Association has therefore once more placed on record the considered opinion of the medical profession throughout the kingdom that the State Registration of Trained Nurses is the best remedy for the unsatisfactory standards of nursing now prevalent and increasing.

WELCOME HELP.

The President of the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses acknowledges with thanks the following donations:—Dr. E. W. Goodall, 10s. and Mrs. Myers, 10s. These gifts are a most welcome addition to the funds of the Society.

HEROIC WORK.

For months past very little interest has been evinced in the nursing world excepting in military nursing. Every nurses' paper and magazine is full of this theme, and sometimes we wonder if our splendid hospitals and infirmaries are really carrying on their great humanitarian work, and if there are hundreds of Matrons and thousands of nurses who are quietly doing their daily rounds attending sick men and women and suffering children, and delighting in the arrival of fine fat baby boys and girls who tip the scales at eight pounds, or even more, much to the pride of tired mothers, whose lying-in time is the only rest and holiday she ever enjoys. The truth is the excited rush "to the front" has become a little tiresome

and we may well realise how invaluable is the steady daily toil of those who have not made tracks for this extended locality. A very interesting letter from a district nurse in far-away Sutherland arouses this sense of gratitude and admiration. This nurse writes: "I am delighted to see by THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING that the 'War Babies' myth has been thoroughly exposed and our brave soldiers exonerated. No doubt the slander was a tissue of German lies. There were 500 to 600 troops in a village not far from us, and I have heard of no cases there, and only one here, although 80 men left this district.

"For the last seventeen years here there have been only about one or two illegitimate births annually. I have had 281 maternity cases since coming North, many of them difficult and dangerous ones (doctor's). Many of them were twenty-five to thirty miles from a doctor. Although there was the usual number of stillbirths, abortions, contracted pelvis, hæmorrhage, &c., &c., I had only one death in all from embolus, a doctor's case. He saw her the morning she died and was quite pleased with her. Our doctor is very clever and skilful, and has another larger parish to act for. I have not had one case of septicæmia in all these; not one of breast abscess while I attended patient, although some, through carelessness, developed abscess some time after confinement. Nursing up here is very interesting, and the old Gamps are almost a thing of the past. I have heard of many sad deaths through their neglect in the past.

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