

soldier boys so infected with venereal disease, some of whom have lost self-control, debasing their country. The waters of sin are awfully bitter and create a terrific thirst for more. Give me the nurse who prefers the purlieu where sin is found before the nurse who thinks of high fees and uniform and romance. The wood of the Cross is the only cure for sin.

"Then there are the bitter waters of death. I sometimes wonder," he said, "how a woman dares become a nurse who does not know how to console the agony. The Pharmacopœia doesn't know. Only the Holy Ghost can inspire a man or a woman to sweeten these waters."

Never more than at the present time were nurses needed endowed with wisdom, understanding, tenderness and strength, for many are brought into intimate contact, not only with the sick and dying, but with the bereaved and heartbroken.

THE L.C.C. BY-LAWS FOR MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS.

At the meeting of the London County Council on Tuesday last, the Public Control Committee reported that Section 26 (1) of the London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1915, provides that "the Council may make by-laws for the prevention of immorality in connection with the carrying on of establishments for massage or special treatment, and as to the keeping and inspection of records showing the general character of the business carried on at such establishments. That after careful consideration of the methods adopted for carrying on business of the kind in question they have prepared by-laws in a form which they have reason to believe the Secretary of State is prepared to confirm, and that it is extremely important that the by-laws should be brought into operation without delay, as in the absence of by-laws, and of any definite evidence to justify the refusal or cancellation of the registration of an establishment for massage or special treatment, the Council is not in a position effectively to deal with certain objectionable features in connection with a number of such establishments which are regarded with suspicion. The Committee therefore proposed that application should be made to the Secretary of State for the Home Department for confirmation of the by-laws prepared.

It behoves all trained nurses and certified masseuses, who are carrying on homes for massage or special treatment, to acquaint themselves with these by-laws, as heavy penalties are provided for their infringement.

The chief points to be noted are as follows:—

FEES.

A registered person must make a complete scale of fees or charges for massage or special

treatment, and exhibit it in a conspicuous position in each part of the establishment in which payment is made, or massage or special treatment given, so that it can be read by persons receiving treatment, and no greater charge may be made. If the assistants employed are prohibited from receiving gratuities, this also must be notified.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

A registered person may not advertise that he or the establishment is registered by the Council, nor may he advertise in a public thoroughfare, public convenience, or conveyance, or in any place in which the public assembles, but this does not apply to newspapers exposed for sale.

MANAGER AND ASSISTANTS.

A registered person may not give, or employ any assistant to give, massage (except face massage) or electric baths or special treatment who is not qualified by proper and sufficient training for the particular purpose.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS.

A registered person may not do, suffer, or permit in the establishment any act of an indecent or disorderly character, and must take all necessary steps to exclude a customer guilty of such an act.

RECORDS.

A registered person is required to keep a record, in the manner prescribed by the Council, giving (a) the name, age, private address, qualification (if any) of every assistant employed, (b) the terms of remuneration of every person, assistant or otherwise, employed, and (c) particulars of every case of remedial treatment, giving the name and address of the medical practitioner (if any) by whom, and at whose instance, such treatment was prescribed, the name of the person giving such treatment, and the sex of the patient. This record must be open to scrutiny by an inspector and be produced on demand.

SUPPLY OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR.

A registered person may not sell, supply or give to any patient or customer any alcoholic liquor except that needed for medicinal purposes, when he must forthwith record full particulars.

EXHIBITION OF BY-LAWS.

A registered person must keep a copy of the by-laws exhibited in such part of the registered premises as may be approved by the Council.

PENALTIES.

Every person who carries on an establishment for massage or special treatment in contravention of these by-laws will be liable to a penalty of £5 and to a further penalty of £2 a day if the offence continues after conviction.

The by-laws appear to us to have been drafted by unprofessional persons for the suppression of vice, and will, no doubt, discourage high-class professional women from being associated with establishments governed by them.

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