

A PROFESSIONAL DUTY.**STATE LEGISLATION AND THE COLLEGE OF NURSING.**

We propose to publish next week a simple report of the evolution of the Nurses' Registration Bill drafted by the College of Nursing, Ltd., which we hope will be found instructive by those trained nurses, and others, who have neither the time nor opportunity of studying the proposed constitution, and thus realising its results. If the Bill was all we had to consider the question would be simple, but it proposes to incorporate the constitution as printed in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the College, and so far these provisions are at variance with the leaflet issued by the College inviting trained nurses to place their names on its voluntary Register and to be bound by its Rules; and to several of the vital principles of good government. We shall criticise the proposed Bill, in conjunction with the constitution of the College, in quite a friendly spirit, in the hope that it may be so amended before it is too late—and thus make it possible for a Bill to be agreed upon between what are known as the Constitutional Registrationists and the promoters of the College. We would advise those interested in our point of view to order THE

BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING from their news-agent, or from the office, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., to avoid disappointment, and to remember that it is the duty of every intelligent nurse to study this question of professional organization, both for her own sake and that of her colleagues, and not to support any movement until she is satisfied that it is right to do so.

Trained nurses naturally resent at this national crisis devoting time and thought to their own affairs, and we deeply sympathise with them, yet we urge this duty upon them.

SOCIAL SERVICE.**WOMEN'S SETTLEMENT WORK.**

One of the recently-elected members of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland is Miss R. Bland, Matron of the Canning Town Women's Settlement Hospital, Balaam Street, Plaistow, E. Miss Bland was trained at the Grimsby and District Hospital, and has been Staff Nurse and Holiday Sister at the Wolverhampton General Hospital; Sister at the Essex County Hospital, Colchester; the District Hospital, Batley, and the General Infirmary, Southport; Sister and Night Sister at the Manchester Northern Hospital for Women and Children; House-keeping Pupil at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital; Sixth House-keeper at the Coventry and Warwickshire General Hospital, and Assistant Matron at the General Infirmary, Bolton, from which post she was appointed to her present position.

Miss Bland is a firm supporter of the principle of State Registration of Trained Nurses, and hopes the day is not far distant when they will have the same legal status as the medical profession. "Why shouldn't we?" she asks.

THE WOMEN'S SETTLEMENT HOSPITAL.

The Women's Settlement Hospital in Balaam Street, Canning Town, which is well worth a visit, is part of the organization known as the Canning Town Women's Settlement, which is the source of many social works, and one of the ideals of which is "To recognise the good lying at the heart of all people . . . to aid in righting the wrongs that cross our path." It is specially interesting because, as its name implies, it is in connection with a Women's Settlement, and is, we believe, the only hospital so originated and financed and worked. The hospital is small, containing twenty-six beds, but the work that it accomplishes is great.

The two spacious and pleasant wards each accommodate thirteen beds for women and children.



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