

for Nurses, to mention only four of the members, are distinguished figures in the nursing world and command the confidence of all.* Their task will not be an easy one, for the war has wrought great changes in this as in other professions. A large body of women have become nurses within the last two years, and, having realised the privilege of the work, are anxious to remain in the ranks. These new recruits have not received the full three years' training, which is considered essential by the great hospitals, and therefore, in some areas, friction has arisen between them and the fully certificated nurses. This was inevitable, but it has produced a situation of some delicacy, and has to a certain extent curtailed the supply. A more important matter is the future of these

training as war nurses. While the scheme of a College of Nursing advocated by Mr. Arthur Stanley has opponents, there are reasons for believing it to be a step in the right direction. There is the further question of registration, which would at least prevent the nurse's uniform from being used by the unworthy as a cloak for their ill-deeds. If these just grievances were righted the supply of nurses would be adequate."

This movement to undermine efficient nursing standards must be carefully watched by those who love and honour the profession of nursing. The powers acquired by the College of Nursing Company make it possible to register other than hospital trained nurses.



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voluntary nurses. Surgeons and doctors who have had V.A.D. members working under them in military hospitals make no secret of their desire to employ them after the war. They are very good material, yet it is clear that most of them will resent having to start on a three years' training after having done a year or more in a military hospital. It is suggested that the civil hospitals should allow probationers who have served in military hospitals to count part of their time in these hospitals towards a general training. This would be a great inducement to women to begin

* None of these persons belong to the "nursing world." In various capacities they employ the services of trained nurses.

A lady acquainted with the devoted service rendered by Nurse Alice Whitecross to sick and wounded soldiers in Dublin, and more particularly with her work of mercy during the recent rebellion, has written to Queen Alexandra on the subject, and has received the following gracious reply:—

"Marlborough House.

"Dear Madam,—Queen Alexandra has desired me to thank you for writing telling her of the heroic work of Nurse Alice Whitecross, one of Her Majesty's nurses, of whom she may indeed feel proud.

"Will you kindly tell Nurse Whitecross how fully the Queen appreciates all she has done and is still doing in the cause of suffering humanity?—Believe me, yours truly, CHARLOTTE KNOLLYS.

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