

wide at the top, ten at the bottom, and six inches deep, and of course handles at each end. Now, this little bath is inexpensive, and can be made anywhere. In addition to it there were two tin trays, loose, but made to fasten on to the sides of the bath if required; one was for the flannel, and the other for the soap.

There was also a wooden frame to fit the bath in, standing upon four legs, about fourteen inches high; these supports were hinged, so that they could be doubled up when necessary for the purposes of packing up for travelling. A large cover was made to fit the bath, and when a move had been decided upon, all baby's bath traps were put in—rough towels, dressing basket, &c.—and wherever baby went the bath went, and thus things were all kept together ready for use. These last *addenda* are quite optional, but being convenient under many circumstances, I thought it as well to bring them before the notice of my Nursing readers. If the bath has not a stand, we must place it on a chair, which does just as well for every-day use. Nurse should have a low chair provided for her (I object to a *rocking* one), or quite as good, an ordinary bedroom chair cut down to fit, so that her feet rest flat on the floor; about fourteen inches is the usual height of a Nurse's chair. If you have neither of these arrangements to deal with, take two bedroom chairs, put the bath across one, and sit on the other, and rest your feet on the rail of the one the bath is on. The great point you have in view is to keep your *knees on a level*; unless you do that you will never make a *good lap* for your baby, nor wash nor dress him gainly nor comfortably. The making of a lap is very much overlooked by thoughtless Nurses, to the much misery of the infant, who is sometimes on an inclined plane; at others in a hole, between his Nurse's knees, a most awkward position.

(To be continued.)

THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

THE following documents are being sent broadcast over the United Kingdom. They are marked "Private and Confidential" for reasons which can easily be understood, and which are eminently characteristic of the courageous manner in which this women's Association has from the first been abused and

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persecuted. We have been sent these documents as they have been read at a public meeting, and hasten to give them a publicity which evidently has not been desired.

The first form is the one which the authorities of Nurse Training Schools throughout the country are ordered to sign; the two others are the protests from two London Hospitals, evidently intended to instruct poor provincials as to their conduct in this awful crisis:—

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THE PROPOSED REGISTRATION OF NURSES.
MEMORIAL OF NURSE TRAINING SCHOOL AUTHORITIES.

We, the undersigned, the chief Executive Authorities, Teachers, Managers, and Associates of large and important Nurse Training Schools, having considered the proposal put forward by the British Nurses' Association to establish, at the cost of the Nurses, under the authority of the Board of Trade, a "Register for Trained Nurses and a Register of Certificated Midwives," under the control of a central body, empowered "To determine from time to time what tests shall be imposed upon candidates for Registration, as evidence that they possess the necessary skill and knowledge in their profession," desire to express our opinion that this proposal is not calculated to promote the best interests of the public or of the Nurses.

From our experience in the training and education of Nurses, we are satisfied that any such general Register of qualification is not adapted to the calling of a Nurse, and that if any Registration of Nurses is to be usefully carried out, with due regard to all the interests concerned, it must be undertaken by and under the control of the authorities of the Hospitals where the Nurses are trained.

We would wish also to point out that those who represent the largest Nursing interests in the Metropolis and throughout the country, and who have most to do with the training and the examining of Nurses, have declined to take part in this movement, believing that it would prove detrimental to the educational advancement of Nursing, that it would lower the position of the best Trained Nurses, and that it would be disadvantageous alike to the public and the general practitioner.

Our reasons for these conclusions are as follows:—

(1) Regard being had to the nature of Nurses' duties, and to the qualifications essential for the

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