

Take three cases for example, which occurred last week.

*Case I.*—A is visiting at a friend's house, and finds B suffering from a violent headache. The case is one of cystitis with congestion of left ovary, and is being treated by a medical man with good results. A suggests Massage to relieve head symptoms, and without leave from the Doctor proceeds to massage head, with no beneficial result.

*Case II.*—A finds B suffering from a swollen ankle, the result of an accident, and after duly sympathising, and knowing that cooling lotions, together with rest and quiet, had been ordered by the medical man in charge of the case, suggests rubbing as grateful and comforting. Result: increase of heat, swelling, inflammation, and pain.

*Case III.*—A visits B, who has been suffering from sub-acute anterior poliomyelitis, and suggests gratuitous massage. In this case, fortunately, the offer was declined.

The above are three instances of what occurred in one district, and, needless to add, the result of this tampering is that an ill-feeling is produced between the Doctor and patient. At the same time, in mentioning these facts, there is no wish to detract in any way from the very valuable services rendered by properly trained Masseuses—those who have qualified for the post—who, in short, have taken out a course of lectures and demonstrations fitting them for their work. The medical profession cannot do without them in certain cases any more than they can do without trained Nurses; but some system of Registration should be adopted that medical men could deal more firmly with unqualified "Masseuses."

In the first place, the essential object of Registration is to register something. In the case of medical men the qualification for enrolment consists in the possession of a diploma or degree granted by a University duly authorised by the law to grant such certificate of knowledge.

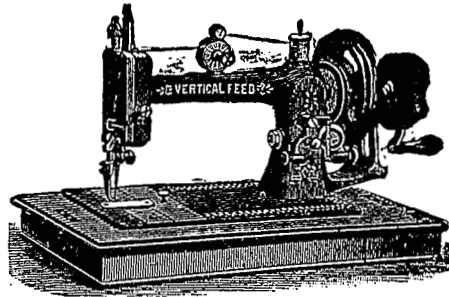
In the case of Nurses a course of training at a recognised Hospital is the necessary condition, and surely something similar in the way of Registration for "Masseuses" should be adopted to protect both Nurses and Doctors from a system of quackery.

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### NURSING ECHOES.

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ON Saturday afternoon the Princess Mary of Teck attended at Morley Hall, 316, Regent Street, for the purpose of opening an exhibition, of which the profits are to be devoted to the Mildmay Mission Hospital at Bethnal Green. The exhibition has been mainly organised by the Earl and Countess of Tankerville, who have taken great interest in the Hospital, and have collected a large sum of money to defray the cost of the new building, which is now in process of erection, the old premises having been acquired by the London County Council in connection with its scheme for the better housing of the working



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