

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

A Meeting of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses will be held, by the courtesy of the British Medical Association, in its Council Chamber at 429, Strand, London, W.C., on Saturday, October 26th, at 2.30 p.m.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

We are glad to hear that there is to be a good gathering of Members on the 19th inst. at Charing Cross Hospital, where, by the kindness of the Committee and the Matron, the Autumn Meeting will be held. We hope to have the pleasure of seeing some of our overseas friends, if they have time to accept the hospitality of the President to tea.

THE RELATION OF WOMEN MEDICAL AND NURSING STUDENTS.

The admittance of women medical students to some of our largest general hospitals, where part of their education will be carried on in the wards as medical clerks and surgical dressers, opens up questions in connection with the Nursing Department—whether the authorities have realised it or not—which we gather from the replies to our recent letters of enquiry to the Wardens of the London Medical Schools, have so far received no consideration.

LETTER OF ENQUIRY.

The following letter was sent out from our office, on October 2nd, to the Wardens of the Medical Schools attached to the London, Guy's, St. Thomas', Charing Cross, Westminster, University College, St. George's, and King's College Hospitals, and the following replies have been received from the Deans and Sub-Deans:—

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2nd October, 1918.

SIR,—May I enquire if the Medical School attached to the — Hospital admits women Medical Students, and, if so, may I have a copy of the Regulations which define their ward work. Do these students receive any instruction in dressing minor wounds and other practical work, such as the administration of enemata, the passing of catheters, &c., from the nursing staff; and, if so, do the members of the nursing staff receive

any remuneration, either from the Medical School or Hospital Committee for such teaching?

Awaiting your reply,

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

ETHEL G. FENWICK,
Editor.

The Warden,
The Medical School,
— Hospital.

REPLIES.

From the London Hospital.—"In reply to your enquiry, women students at the London Hospital do not receive any instruction such as you detail from the nursing staff." No copy of Regulations sent.

Charing Cross Hospital.—"In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, I beg to say that the Charing Cross Hospital Medical School and the Charing Cross Hospital admit women medical students to all their courses of teaching without any restrictions whatsoever, other than those applying to men students.

They are eligible for all Prizes and all Appointments, resident and otherwise. Their instruction in Dressing and all other practical work is entirely in the hands of the Staff of the Hospital and is not deputed to the nurses. With regard to the remuneration of the members of the Nursing Staff, that is wholly in the hands of the Council of the Hospital.

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith a Prospectus of the School, and to add that any information contained therein applies equally and without notification to women as well as to men."

We have to thank the Dean for a copy of the "Prospectus and Directory of the Medical School."

From University College Hospital.—"University College Hospital Medical School does now admit women medical students. They are on exactly the same terms as men students. No instruction is given to either male or female students by any member of the Nursing Staff. The Teaching is entirely in the hands of the Honorary Staff with the assistance of the Resident Staff."

From St. George's Hospital.—"In answer to your letter of the 2nd October, I have to inform you that a limited number of women students are admitted to this Medical School under exactly the same conditions as the male students."

At St. Thomas's and Guy's Hospitals we are informed that women medical students are not admitted.

From King's College and Westminster Hospitals the courtesy of a reply has not been extended to our enquiry.

IN THE OUT-PATIENTS.

"Please, sir, could you give my little boy 'is medicine for a monfth?"

"No, he must come every week till he's better."

"But I wants to take 'im 'oppin'."

"Well, I can't give him leave to do that."

(*Sotto voce* to nurse): "He's 'oppin' enough now in all conscience."

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