

nurses of Great Britain to longer grant Certificates of Registration which are not worth the paper they are printed on, outside the radius of the Company's archives; and as we gather that for the future the guinea invited from candidates for membership is an "entrance fee," and not a "registration fee," "registration" should cease. This being so, the Council should now make quite clear to present and future members of the College that National Registration to be reciprocal in any of the King's Dominions must carry the Sealed Certificate of one of the General Nursing Councils, set up by Acts of Parliament.

State Registration has been legalised by all the Provincial Parliaments in Canada, and the rules for reciprocity will be considered by the Registration Committee of the English Council at an early date. The Education Committee is issuing a questionnaire to general and special Training Schools from which the replies, when tabulated, will provide the information Miss Randal and others require, for the period of grace; and we feel sure the General Nursing Councils will do all in their power to provide the information required.

#### INFORMATION SOUGHT BY U.S.A.

The Superintendent of Registration of the Department of Registration and Education of the State of Illinois, U.S.A., writes to the same effect. "This Department receives a great deal of correspondence from graduates of hospitals in England. Can you furnish us with a list of approved schools in England? If so, we would appreciate it very much."

#### THE LAST STRAW.

We hear daily of well-trained nurses who intend to steam away to Canada or the United States—the Unemployment Insurance Act 1920 appears to be the last straw, together with the interference of the Joint Red Cross Council, and the competition of V.A.D.'s. and "Nurse Midwives" in Public Health work. A high standard for State Registration can alone stop the exodus, and that will take time.

#### COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD. (BIRMINGHAM AND THREE COUNTIES CENTRE.)

##### OPEN MEETING FOR NURSES.

On Tuesday, Dec. 7th, at 5.30 p.m., in the Lecture Theatre of the General Hospital, Birmingham (by kind permission of the Governors). A Representative of the Ministry of Labour will speak on "The Unemployment Insurance Act 1920."

The East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital has recently held a very successful fête, by which £2,443 2s. 4d. has been handed over to the hospital's funds. This is a splendid result.

## THE NATION'S FUND FOR NURSES.

### STILL NO AUDITED ACCOUNTS AVAILABLE.

It is now just three years since, with a huge flourish of paid advertisements throughout the leading daily papers, the appeal for the Nation's Nurses was issued by a self-constituted committee of persons, and after three years' piteous appeals to the public in the name of our profession, we cannot learn that any audited accounts whatever have been issued to the public of what has been done with the thousands of pounds contributed by it.

This appeal was made under the War Charities Act, with the consent of the authorities which administered it; why, therefore, has the Committee of this Charity of which Viscountess Cowdray is Hon. Treasurer, been permitted thus long to evade the intention of this Act of Parliament?

Three years and no account forthcoming of how this huge sum of money has been spent! We presume, until this question is ventilated in Parliament, the Nursing Profession will be kept in the dark. We note the Labour organ, *The Clarion*, has asked "Is not the public entitled to know what has become of the money they subscribed?"

There can be but one reply to that question, and we hope it will be forthcoming without further delay.

### TRUE TALE WITH A MORAL.

Overheard in the High Court of Justice:—

"GOOD BUSINESS."

*Nurse to Colleagues*: "One good turn deserves another. Do not let us forget that the Nurse's Champion does business at 10, Sergeant's Inn, E.C., and very 'good business' too."

*Ditto to Ditto*: "Nurse baiting by the 'quack' Press has had its *coup de grace*."

*Coterie of Gentlemen in Wigs*: "What a sweet little nurse." "A little grey dove in the Box"!

### CADBURY'S SPECIALITIES.

Now that Christmas is only a few weeks' distant it behoves us to think of seasonable gifts for our friends. What could be more acceptable than a box of the delectable dainties supplied by Cadbury Brothers, Ltd., of Bournville, near Birmingham? Such a box is now before us, and, packed into a small compass, a box of King George's Chocolates, two packets of Cadbury's Mexican Chocolate for eating or drinking, one large and three smaller packets of Cadbury's Dairy Milk Chocolate, three packets of Bournville Chocolate, and a tin of Bournville Cocoa—welcome gifts for any household and appreciated by children and adults.

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