

"A HOME HATH MADE."

It has become rather the fashion of late years to refer to the Matron as the "bogy woman"—when in reality many Matrons have by their devotion to duty and unflinching consideration for others earned the respect and affection of their fellow workers. In support of this we quote from the *League Journal* of the Hendon Hospital Nurses' League some farewell verses addressed to its President, Miss Elma Smith, for upwards of twenty years Matron of the Institution, and evidently the dear friend and comrade of generations of probationers and nurses:—

TO OUR BELOVED MATRON.

MARCH, 1921.

Ah!! Who goes forth from here with stately tread?
From this fair place which has known no other head,
'Tis she, who from the very first hath sway'd.
The rod of duty, love, a home hath made.

Twenty-one years at Hendon has she reigned,
And we, her Nurses, all those years have gain'd,
True knowledge, love of work, and skill,
Which ne'er has failed, so deep did she instil.

On duty, Matron eagle-eyed and stern,
Yet work well done would its full merit earn,
Off duty—studies, games, and pursuits share,
Indoors or out, was with us everywhere.

Seeking the best, the best she thus obtained,
Looking for good, the good she thus maintained,
Finding some hope in e'en the dullest Pro'
Who when they failed, for help to her would go.

Through vast dominions, over land and sea,
Her Nurses whil'd afar by destiny,
Still to her turn for wisdom and advice,
And for her counsel never did ask twice.

Matron, your Staff will see you yet again,
Tho' you no longer at the dear old place will reign.
Three years—some four, five, six or even more
We've spent with you—alas! those days are o'er.

But not despondent do we see you go,
Although we know you loved the old place so.
Staff—Patients—Friends unite to sing your praise,
And wish you happiness in many future days.

So now, dear Matron, we bid you not farewell,
Tho' you at Alma Mater may not dwell,
We still would cling to you. Sincere we pray,
Love—Rest—Home—Friendship attend you all your way.

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THE NURSES' BOOKSHELVES.

A book just published by Messrs. G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS, LTD., 24, Bedford Street, Strand, W.C. 2, "The Psychology of Nursing," by Aileen Cleveland Higgins, will be of great use and interest to nurses, as also "Teeth and Health," by Dr. Thomas Ryan and Dr. Edwin B. Bowers. "A Short History of Nursing," by Lavinia L. Dock, R.N., is indispensable.

PROGRESS OF STATE REGISTRATION.

IN NEW ZEALAND.

The Nurses' Registration Amendment Act, 1920, of New Zealand, places the age for registration at 21, instead of 23; probationers, therefore, can begin their training at 18.

The practice of allowing training in one or more approved hospitals to count as an approved course is confirmed, thus encouraging the affiliation of small hospitals with a larger one in which wider experience can be gained.

An interesting amendment is that of Section 6 of the principal Act, the effect of which is that the registration badge will only be given to nurses trained in New Zealand. It is considered that nurses from outside the Dominion will probably have their own badges, and thus this amendment will be a means of distinguishing those who are really New Zealand nurses.

IN VICTORIA.

An excellent system of voluntary registration of nurses has for years been in force in Victoria, but every time a Bill for this purpose is projected the Association is ignored. According to *Una* Victorian nurses are getting out of patience with the futility of their legislators and their ignorantly-drafted Bills. Why the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association takes all this lying down we cannot imagine. The members have votes. Let them show members of the Victorian Legislature that they can use them effectively. But it cannot be done in kid gloves.

IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Nurse Practice Bill of Missouri has had a splendid victory and has been signed by the Governor. This Bill requires that no one may nurse the sick for hire who has not received a State licence.

In Arizona a Bill for the registration of nurses' has passed and has been signed by the governor. It becomes law on June 11th. This Act gives nurses the title of "Registered Nurse," as do all the American, Canadian and other Dominion Acts, and will admit to its register nurses from other American States, or foreign country or province, the requirements of which are equivalent to the requirements prescribed by this Act.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

Nurses are cordially invited to join the Nurses' Missionary League Summer Camp which will be held again this year at Sandsend on the Yorkshire coast near Whitby and Scarborough. There is good bathing and the country round is well wooded, giving opportunity for delightful walks and picnics. The date of the Camp is from June 11th—25th.

It is hoped that as many as possible will join for the whole fortnight, but all will be welcome who can attend for any part of the time. The entire

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