

## NURSING EDUCATION.

### SISTER TUTORS AND EXAMINERS.

We have on many occasions advocated the necessity of travelling scholarships for nurses, and only last week our first Echo referred again to this most beneficent method of education. We were, therefore, charmed to read, on the first page of October's *Kai Tiaki*, the official organ of the Nurses of New Zealand:—

"In order to widen the experience of nurses and to render them suitable for the very responsible work of sister-tutors, it has been suggested that certain nurses should be selected for a travelling scholarship, which would enable them to study methods in other countries, and generally to broaden their outlook and give them the confidence as well as the knowledge necessary for such a position.

"In Christchurch, the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital has offered a sum of money for this purpose, and has laid down certain conditions for the selection and appointment of a nurse for such a scholarship. The nurse is to be one trained in that hospital, and nominations are to be received from the qualified nursing staff and the Lady Superintendent. The trustees of the fund are to make a final choice. A Government subsidy is asked for on this donation, and will probably be given, and it should naturally follow that the approval of the Public Health Department should endorse the choice of the committee.

"Details are not yet completed as to the countries to be visited, but it is probable that America will be one. This is one opportunity for an ambitious nurse eager to help on her profession by training the young nurses for the future.

"Another is the scholarship offered by the Red Cross Society for a course of training in Public Health work at King's College, London.

"Nurses taking up the work of instruction should be acquainted with the various forms of service possible after training, both in hospital and outside, so as to arouse interest in the students, and to encourage them to specially qualify themselves for the branch of nursing they ultimately desire to take up."

We wonder if a sufficient number of experienced Matrons and Sisters used to teaching and examining are thinking seriously of the time, not so far distant, when quite a little army will be required to act as Examiners for the General Nursing Councils, to take place quarterly in various centres throughout the United Kingdom. This special work requires extensive study and experience, and should

become a very well-paid branch of our profession in the future.

### THE ASSOCIATION OF TRAINED NURSES IN PUBLIC HEALTH WORK.

Under the auspices of the Association of Trained Nurses in Public Health Work, Miss Evelyn Cancellor will lecture on "Methods of Combating Venereal Disease," at 10, Orchard Street, on Saturday, Jan. 15th, at 3 p.m., when we hope there will be a good attendance of nurses. Miss Cancellor is one of the best-known lecturers on this subject.

### INACCURATE REPORTING OF PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS.

On December 3rd ult., in purporting to report a Nursing Conference, the *Nursing Times* attributed to the Chairman of the meeting, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, a considerable part of the speech made by Miss Margaret Breay, Hon. Secretary of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council. Miss Breay therefore wrote to the Editor pointing out the mistake and requesting that her letter might be published, so that the error might be notified to the readers of that paper.

As this request was not complied with, Miss Breay again wrote reiterating the request. She received in reply a letter from the Editor of the *Nursing Times* stating: "The substance of your letter appeared in our issue of December 25th, page 512. We regret we have not space to publish the letter in full."

The letter was as follows:—

REGISTERED NURSES PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL,  
To the Editor, "*Nursing Times*,"

MADAM,—My attention has been drawn to the inaccurate account of the Conference, convened by the Royal British Nurses' Association, which appeared in your issue of the 11th inst., in which you attribute to the chairman of the meeting, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, much of my opening speech on the Resolution proposing that the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, should not apply to professional nurses, trained and in training, to whose conditions of service it is unsuitable.

I must request that you publish this letter in your forthcoming issue, so that the error may be notified to your readers; and it is to be hoped that when reporting the opinions of professional nurses, greater care will be taken in the future.

I am, Madam,

Yours faithfully,

MARGARET BREAY,  
Hon. Secretary, Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council.

431, Oxford Street,  
London, W.1.  
December 20th, 1920.

Journalistic ethics would, we should imagine, necessitate apology for grossly inaccurate information being printed, but as apparently this is not forthcoming from the unprofessional nursing Press to its readers, we can only hope that the *Nursing Times* will fail to find space in future for the insertion of inexcusable blunders when reporting our professional affairs.

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