

it is credibly asserted that this happened, and leading residents have shown their sympathy with her by presenting her with a gold bracelet, a wristlet watch, a handbag, and a purse of money subscribed for by almost every family in the countryside.

The Vicar of Wellow, who presided, said he could hardly realise people had been so unjust and unfair as to treat a woman as Nurse George had been treated, and the Vicar's wife, who made the presentation, said: "Our little nurse has been an angel of mercy. She did not keep her religion for Sundays only, but carried Christianity into her daily work. We all know what a small village is, and how people will gossip. It was said the nurse was in the habit of sitting in an undesirable place. That was untrue. She went to a public-house, but it was to sit at the bedside of a dying child."

It was announced, amid cheers, that Mrs. Cooke Hurle, head of the Somerset Nursing Association, had offered Nurse George a good position.

We fear the short-term training of "Nurse Attendants" in Canada and the United States, who are "registered," is going to undercut standards and fees for genuine professional nurses. When the arrangement was agreed we felt sure that the profession was trifling with its economic stability. We note from our press cuttings from abroad that these "attendants" have assumed the complete white uniform of the professional nurse. The Young Women's Christian Association is responsible for turning out these "graduates" in Montreal, but we are told "their training is not considered complete until they have been in attendance upon a certain number of patients." Let us hope such patients are not charged for "trained" services.

The Federation of Women's Clubs in the U.S.A. urges members to encourage young women to take up nursing, and we are glad to note that Mrs. Harry G. B. Dayrell, of New York, writes:—

"Do not encourage young women in taking short courses of a few weeks or months, but urge training in a reputable nursing school. Do help recruit for nursing, but look for the candidate with the necessary qualifications, remembering that to make a good nurse one must have an alert and understanding mind, good judgment, refined and wholesome taste.

"No diploma is a guarantee of these qualifications, but we know they are rarely found

except among women with a fair amount of education who have had the advantages of a good home.

"Clubwomen, encourage your young friends and daughters to prepare themselves for nursing, because: (1) It is a woman's profession, which offers opportunities to educated, socially minded young women. (2) It is a profession which educates for life. Every normal girl looks forward to a home and her own children. A nurse-mother is equipped with an invaluable education for her profession of home-making and motherhood. (3) The public health nurse and nurse citizen becomes familiar with all the problems of poverty and ignorance as well as those of disease, and has an enviable background of knowledge for civic work. (4) When the nurse's training is finished she can begin her work at once, and does not have to face competition with men. As long as health lasts she has an assured income."

Very sound reasons indeed.

Would that our own Clubwomen could realise the value of trained nursing instead of pushing V.A.D.s, and depreciating knowledge and skill by excluding trained nurses, as such, from membership.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

We know that after years of struggle in attempting to raise the standard of Nursing in Belgium, a Bill has settled the question that all nurses shall henceforth go through three years of training before being qualified for Registration, and we may rejoice to know that the Fédération Nationale des Infirmières Belges, which united nursing organisations after the war and which has headquarters at Brussels, is actively engaged in educating public and medical opinion on the necessity for long professional education.

This Federation is now most anxious to join the International Council of Nurses, and the Danish Council of Nurses has invited four representatives to attend the meeting of the International Council at Copenhagen on May 22nd to 24th as visitors. A leader of the Federation writes us: "We are very anxious to be allowed to join the International Council. We feel that if we were admitted it would be the greatest step ever taken in raising the status of Nursing in Belgium."

We feel sure a very warm welcome awaits our Belgian colleagues in the International from British and American nurses.

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