

RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION FOR NURSES WITH THE OVERSEAS DOMINIONS AND INDIA.

As there has been so much delay in the office of the General Nursing Council in procuring and scheduling Nursing Acts and systems of nurses' registration in the Overseas Dominions and India and in the Crown Colonies, so as to conform to the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, we have for some time been gathering together the information and shall, at an early date, tabulate it for the benefit of nurses trained outside the United Kingdom. We hear from nurses that their applications for registration have been held up for so many months that they have given up hope of ever receiving a definite reply. All applications from overseas should, of course, be at once referred to the Registration Committee. But, as at present constituted, we doubt if any of its members are in possession of the information required.

REGISTRATION IN ONTARIO.

There is good news from Ontario. The Hon. H. C. Nixon, provincial secretary, introduced a Bill into the Legislature of Ontario, providing for registration of nurses. The Bill sets out that a training school for nurses may be maintained and conducted in any hospital or sanatorium, and that the graduate nurses of such training schools are entitled to have their names placed in a register, kept for that purpose, under the direction of the provincial secretary. Nurses so registered may be known as "registered nurses." No nurse, under penalties, will be permitted to use this title if not registered.

A board may be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to carry out the Act. Under the old conditions only hospitals receiving government grants could conduct a training school. Nurses in other Provinces of Canada are registered, and it is the contention of those supporting this Bill that Ontario nurses, not being registered, are placed at a disadvantage.

Unless some such Bill passes, nurses trained in Ontario are not eligible for reciprocal registration with the Mother Country.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

With the sense of fitness that marks the Royal Family, Princess Mary selected the Flag Day in aid of hospitals for her first public speech.

It was delivered at a meeting held at St. James's Palace to organise a fancy dress ball in aid of the hospitals, to be held at the Royal Albert Hall on June 28th.

"It is just 25 years," she said, "since my grandfather, with his extraordinary foresight, inaugurated the King Edward's Hospital Fund, in order to stimulate the voluntary system.

"During these years the income of the fund has increased five-fold, but the work, and therefore the cost, of the hospitals has increased in similar proportion.

"That fund is now appealing to us all to save the voluntary system. We cannot look on and allow the splendid hospitals to go down."

It is hoped that London Hospital Flag Day realised £50,000 towards the half-million required to save the voluntary system.

Sir Charles Hyde (Proprietor of the *Birmingham Post* and Chairman of the Highbury Hospital, Moseley, Birmingham), has generously given a hard Tennis Court for the use of the Hospital Staff, and on Monday, May 29th, Miss Bannister, the Matron, had the pleasure of entertaining several of the friends of the Hospital to tea, whilst the Court was opened by a series of matches, brilliantly played by Messrs. A. C. Griffiths, Gerard Feenay, Mrs. Bewlay, and Miss J. Taunton.

VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES FOR CANADA.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THEIR NURSES REGARDING CARE OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

In the overcrowded and badly-managed district homes perfect quarantine seems so impossible of attainment that there is danger that the visiting nurse may give but half-hearted and incomplete isolation instructions. It has been the rule of the nurses of the Order in the past not to take these cases at all. But of late years there has been an insistent demand from the Health Department that such work be done—that it must and should be done—by the visiting nurses, and that they are the only persons on hand to do it, and that these cases above all others require the care of the trained woman.

It is the Nurse's duty to see that the quarantine regulations of the municipality are being properly carried out. This is especially true of the rural districts.

All nursing visits to contagious cases by nurses should be made at the end of each day. A long-sleeved gown, tight-fitting cap and rubber gloves should be carried to each case and worn during the stay in each house. Before putting on the gown, get everything needed ready—solution, tongue depressor, cotton, soap and nail brush, &c., from bag, close it and leave it outside with uniform coat on the porch or in room away from patient. Remove cuffs, roll sleeves up to the elbows, prepare hand solution, collect everything needed for the sick-room and then put on your cap and gloves. When through with the patient, disinfect your gloves, remove gown and fold it so that the inner surface remains uncontaminated, and put in some safe place where no members of the family will come in contact with it. Disinfect the hands,

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