

lectures, who are employed by local authorities, in the neighbourhood. This applies also to midwives, for whom the County Council desire to pay, but only in respect of the lectures specially applicable to them. Fees: 10s. each person for the course; 1s. 6d. for a single lecture. Tickets may be obtained from Miss Elsie Reed, Secretary, National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, 117, Piccadilly, London, W. 1, or from the Health Department, Guildhall, Nottingham. Students wishing for arrangements to be made for them for suitable board and lodging should apply immediately to Miss Dunne, Health Department, Guildhall, Nottingham.

"ALL AND SUNDRY."

Dressed in the uniform of a hospital nurse, a girl named Peggy Jenner was remanded at Reigate on August 27th charged with obtaining board and lodgings by fraud.

It was stated that, saying she was at Charing Cross Hospital, she stayed at a Redhill hotel, and when the bill for £5 15s. 6d. was presented she was unable to pay.

Jenner told the Bench she had been on the stage and then in a situation as housemaid.

A constable said she belonged to Folkestone, but her mother and sister would have nothing to do with her.

When she appeared on remand the police said they had received an offer from a young chauffeur to marry the girl, if she were bound over. A further charge of stealing clothes valued at £6 having been preferred against Jenner, she was sentenced to a month's imprisonment in the second division.

Now that "all and sundry" may wear our "State" uniform, a few masqueraders more or less appears immaterial.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The whole world is grieving for the tragedy which has befallen Japan—that lovely flowery land, inhabited by an extraordinarily brilliant race.

Our sympathetic King has hastened to express by telegram to the Emperor of Japan the horror with which he has learnt of the appalling disaster to his country by earthquake, and its terrible consequences, and his profound sympathy in the overwhelming catastrophe, resulting in loss of life and property, and the untold sufferings to thousands of people.

The disaster is almost inestimable, and is reported to be the worst earthquake ever known. At least 300,000 lives have been lost, magnificent cities swept and destroyed by fire, and many persons and houses washed away by the seismic wave. Thousands of starving refugees urgently need help, and all is chaos! So far little authentic information has come through, and who is dead and who alive still remains to be told. Indeed, the calamity is of unprecedented magnitude, and help and sympathy of the whole civilised world must

be pressed into the service of what remains of Japan in an attempt to raise it from the dust.

Members of the International Council of Nurses will be wondering what has happened to their gentle little colleagues, with headquarters in devastated Tokio, and in other cities now swept off the face of the earth. Let us hope many have been spared death and are engaged in their mission of mercy.

SORROW, A LANGUID FLOWER.

When the lily, languid flower,
Crush'd by heavy ploughshare lies,
Seemeth bud nor leaf have power
Ever more from Earth to rise;
But let Heav'n bathe anew
The prostrate flower with morning dew,
Lo! the bent stalk up again
Riseth gradual from the plain;
And the splendour, snowy white,
Steepeth all her petals bright.

Metastasio.

STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES IN INDIA.

THE NURSING JOURNAL OF INDIA reports that a meeting of trained nurses was recently held in Bombay to discuss the question of State Registration of Nurses in India. The chair was taken by Miss Macfarlane R.R.C., Lady Superintendent, St. George's Hospital, and papers were read by Miss Thacker, Lady Superintendent, Cama and Allbless Hospital Nursing Association, and Mrs. Mathew, Assistant Lady Superintendent St. George's Hospital.

Letters of regret at being unable to be present were read from Miss Ford, Lady Superintendent, Sassoon Hospital, Poona, and Miss Griffin, Hon. Secretary Trained Nurses Association of India.

About eighty nurses, European and Indian were present, representing most branches of the profession, and the following Resolution was unanimously passed.

(1) "Resolved at this meeting held on July 9th, at St. George's Hospital, Bombay, that State Registration of Trained Nurses for India should be adopted and applied in the same manner as the system already obtaining in the United Kingdom. (2) That the two Registers (U.K. and India) should affiliate with each other to mutual advantage."

Copies of the above Resolutions were sent to the Surgeon-General, Bombay Presidency, to the Bombay Presidency Nursing Association, and to the Hon. Secretary Trained Nurses Association of India.

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