

There were important differences in the training of a nurse and of a doctor. The medical student had five years' intensive training in the whole range of medical experience, but a woman who wished to take up nursing and to reach the head of this profession had to spend three years in a general hospital, three years in a fever hospital, six months in maternity training, a period in studying mental disorders, and so on. Practically she had to spend about ten years as a pupil before she could become an all-round nurse; this was an impossible state of affairs. The representatives of the nursing profession must devise a far-sighted policy to provide nurses with a comprehensive training. He regarded the Queen's Institute of District Nursing as the chief Institute for training the public health visitor, but local authorities in the principal towns had largely trained their own health visitors; here again there was an evidence of lack of contact. There had been a tendency to make the health visitor a kind of specialised social worker at the expense of nursing proficiency, and this was quite wrong.

He regarded nursing as the ideal profession for women, but at present it was not so well organised as the teaching profession, for many suitable recruits were lost during the interval between leaving school and the commencement of their training. He suggested that it might be possible for the nursing colleges to recruit girls at the age of 16 or 17. They would get preliminary instruction in biology, physics, chemistry, anatomy, and hygiene. At present studies had to be undertaken along with a hard day's nursing. After such preliminary training they could at the age of 18 take up general hospital work for a year, and afterwards pass to fever and maternity hospitals, so that at the end of four or five years they could have a wide training in nursing and in preventive medicine. This would call for a spirit of accommodation all round in hospital work, but it would raise nursing to a higher level.

A nurse at the Brentwood Mental Hospital had a terrifying experience recently, when, looking out of a window of the Hospital, she saw a bull goring one of the inmates in a field near by. But personal courage, and the resourcefulness resulting from training, stood her in good stead; calling to another nurse, she ran into the field and called to a number of attendants who,

rushing to the scene with sticks, drove the bull away. The man when rescued was in a critical condition.

A wedding at Bexley recently ended in tragedy. As the bride and bridegroom were leaving the home of the bride's parents after the reception, Miss Gay Freestone, who was one of the wedding guests, jumped on to the running-board of their car to throw confetti.

As the car moved off she slipped and fell, remaining conscious just long enough to ask that she should be taken to the Bexley Mental Hospital, where for some years she had been a charge nurse and where she died.

Her funeral was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Owens, the bride and bridegroom, just a week after their marriage.



The Cup presented in the Lawn Tennis Championship by the Matron-in-Chief, Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service.

The General Secretary of the Nurses' Association of China, Miss Shih Hsi En, has, the Quarterly Journal of the Association notifies, been appointed by the Minister of Health as the Director of the Nursing Service of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of China. She will have charge of all things pertaining to Nursing Education.

The Ministry of Health has especially requested the Nurses' Association of China to move their Headquarters to Nanking, where the Association might be of the greatest service in the registering of all nurses in China and where the Ministry may have the benefit of valuable records of the Association, and also the help of the Association along all lines of Nursing Education. All nurses are to be registered in the near future.

Acting on the request, the Association has decided that the Headquarters shall be moved to Nanking as soon as arrangements can be made. The land in Hankow will be sold. The House in Peiping will be kept by the N.A.C.

THE ILLNESS OF SIR RICHARD BARNETT.

In our August issue we notified with sorrow the serious illness of Sir Richard Barnett, whom thousands of nurses regard as a personal friend, and at the same time we expressed the hope that in this issue we should be able to report his convalescence. Unhappily we are unable to do so, as after making progress Sir Richard had a relapse. At the time of going to press we are glad to say that the report is satisfactory.

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