

the total number of patients and visits:—

In 1932	43,029 cases were given	666,887 visits.
„ 1933	36,269 „ „ „	584,062 „
„ 1934	54,647 „ „ „	921,660 „

The decrease in 1933 is due to the fact that some information returned that year was not sufficiently accurate to be included. A large number of uncomplicated cases of measles have been attended in 1934, thereby enabling skilled nursing care to be given in the early stages. The number of measles cases with pneumonia has not greatly increased, and the mortality from this has varied very little, being 8.9 per cent., 8.3 per cent., and 8.2 per cent. in the three respective years.

We note that the house-breakers are already hard at work demolishing Nos. 23 & 25, Portland Place, London, W.1, preparatory to the erection of the new Headquarters of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Let us hope the permanent office of the Council will be in working order by July, 1937, so that it may be on view when the I.C.N. Congress assembles. Many international nurses watched with keen sympathy the movement for State Registration in England, and including Miss Lavinia L. Dock, personally supported the Petitions for statutory education of nurses in this country. They will be vastly interested to see its consolidation.

It is a matter for some surprise that so little interest is taken by the authorities of hospitals in this country in the trainees of their nursing schools, when, having profited by the training they have received in their institutions, they pass the examination of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and enter the ranks of professional women registered under State authority. It would appear to be a forward step if the Committees and Hon. Officers

of our principal nurse-training schools were to meet, with some ceremony, the members of their nursing staffs who have become entitled to use the protected title of State Registered Nurse, and thus recognised their status as members of the Nursing Profession.



An Abyssinian Nurse.

We have been inspired to make these remarks by our study of American and Canadian papers which take an active interest in the graduation exercises of the nurses in their nurse-training schools. Graduation Day is a red-letter day in the lives of nurses in the American Continent, and their School certificates are presented to them, and addresses given by prominent public persons, or those distinguished in the medical and nursing worlds. The new graduates are presented with flowers, and frequently the Alumnae Association of their School, for membership of which they have become eligible, entertains them at a Dinner, and extends a cordial invitation to them to participate in its benefits.

In this country, in the hospitals of public authorities, and especially in those under the authority of the London County Council, it is becoming the custom to present the certificate of the hospital with some ceremony, and this certificate is rightly valued. But

of even greater importance is the right of a trained nurse to inscribe the magic letters "S.R.N." after her name.

It is curious how an aptitude for nursing descends in some families, just as members of others are connected with the Navy, the Army, or the Bar for generations. An interesting instance of this is found in connection



Noble Abyssinian women from all parts of Ethiopia at a meeting in Addis Ababa, at which a National Red Cross Society was formed.

with Miss Mary L. Jacobs, M.B.C.N., who, on September 1st completed twelve years of service as Superintendent of Nurses at the Ontario Hospital, London, Ontario. It is difficult in this country to realise how changes in

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