

Training in General Nursing, for Training Male Nurses, Mental Nurses, and nurses for Mental Defectives, for training in Sick Children's Nursing and in Fever Nursing, and a list of Hospitals approved for Affiliated Training. We look forward to a time when general training will provide an inclusive curriculum, and hope that rumours of the recognition of more special branches for registration will never materialise; such schemes are only advocated for the convenience of employers, and inevitably sacrifice the professional efficiency and status of the nurse.

Alas! the Nursing profession has, as usual, been guyed on the stage in "The White Parade." To quote a Sunday paper:—

"The nursing profession is of great benefit to the theatre. It can always be relied on to avail itself of managerial hospitality. A story is told of a celebrated young manager who, when he had struck a failure, had to resort to the 'papering' of his house. He came off the stage after the first act and remarked to a colleague, 'What an audience! I felt that if I had said, 'Nurse,' the entire house would have risen at me in reply.'

"And now after 'Men in White' we have 'The White Parade' of nurses, young, middle-aged and old, at the Capitol. As a faithful picture of the nursing life this artificial story can scarcely be termed a success, but it allows attractive Loretta Young to be gaily girlish and remote from her part and character with a display of dental beauty and eyelashed orbs effulgent and gladsome. I found it difficult to discriminate between the humour and the sentiment of the picture. The latter seemed so amusing and the former so tear-compelling."

Applications are invited in the *South African Nursing Record* from trained nurses wishing to take a Diploma Course for Nurse Administrators, Public Health Nurses and Teachers in Schools of Nursing at the Cape Town University. Full particulars may be obtained from the Organising Secretary, South African Trained Nurses' Association, P.O. Box 1601, Cape Town.

It would appear that difficulty has been experienced in filling the posts of sister tutors in hospitals in the Cape Province with South African nurses, which difficulty has been brought to the attention of the South African Medical Council, which deals with the examination and registration of nurses in South Africa, whilst agreeing that it is not the function of the Council to institute courses of training, if such courses were satisfactorily organised, it states it would be prepared to consider the arrangement of the necessary examinations.

In the February Monthly Bulletin of the League of Red Cross Societies, the following interesting report appears:—

It was on the recommendation of the Nursing Advisory Committee of the Czechoslovak Red Cross that the delegates of the seven schools of nursing in Czechoslovakia were convened recently at Prague to consider the following subjects: preliminary training and probationary period, professional training, curricula, text-books. Reports on these subjects were presented

by the directresses of the Prague, Bratislava and Chomutov schools.

The meeting gave rise to an interesting exchange of views. Whereas the lay nurses stressed the importance of practical training for student nurses, the nuns attached special significance to professional ethics and to the pupils remaining in residence while they pursue their studies. On essentials, however, everyone was in agreement, as may be seen from the resolutions passed at the end of the meeting.

Henceforth nursing courses will last three years instead of two, and the utmost care will be exercised in the selection of sister tutors. Text-books will be issued to serve as a basis for a standardised syllabus, and their compilation will be entrusted to a special committee composed of doctors and nurses. Reforms in the regulations governing examinations were also suggested.

Finally, the wish was unanimously expressed that similar meetings should be held annually at each of the schools in turn.

An exhibition of photographs and statistical charts, illustrating the organisation and development of nursing in Czechoslovakia was organised in connection with the meeting.

Dr. Alice Masarykova, President of the Czechoslovak Red Cross and a Vice-President of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, manifested her interest in the congress by arranging a reception at the Hradcany in honour of the delegates.

All our sympathy was aroused by news of the strike of 100,000 lift men in New York—and we visualised our colleagues of the American Nurses' Association, located in the Rockefeller Centre, wherein 65 lifts carry thousands of passengers daily to the various floors, and rises 850 feet above Broadway—toiling up hundreds of feet of stairs, with provisions for the day! New York was paralysed by the prospect, and after one day's disorganisation—which endangered the comfort of millions of people—employees and liftmen apparently came to terms. Let us hope this will be a lesson to advocates of sky-scrapers on this side, and that we may be permitted to live close to dear old Mother Earth as our insular habit is.

The Quarterly Bulletin of the Kentucky Frontier Nursing Service (Winter 1935) is just to hand, and, as ever, is crammed with interesting, stimulating and amusing information. First we must express our pleasure that the Service will eventually benefit substantially under the will of the late Mr. Nelson Fant, of Flemingsburg, Kentucky. We read: "In the summer of 1934 there died in Kentucky a knightly gentleman, a man of strictest probity in his public and private life. He represented a type of American more usual a generation ago than now—a leader in a little town, a leader not only in name and wealth but in hard work, in honest relationships, in good judgment, in modesty, in the helping hand and the friendly word. Through the era of speculation, he counselled prudence and gave an example of it. Through the era of depression his liberality lay hidden until his death. . . .

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