

who is to be entrusted with the care of the helpless and infirm.

A note suggests that places of resort for nurses should be established in London and other large towns, where certificates of their character should be kept, and which places they should visit daily when wanting situations.

Qualities of the mind and spirit are then considered.

A timid and inefficient woman will be apt to leave the room upon any emergency, wholly from her want of firmness and spirit. Low-spirited and superstitious women are perhaps of all others the most unsuitable for this important office; those who are prone to mischievous forebodings, to indulge in ideas of lucky or unlucky days and circumstances, should be carefully excluded from the sick chamber. Nurses are particularly attached to such forebodings; even a crow flying across a window, or the cat sitting with her back to the fire, &c., &c., by them is considered ominous of some future ill.

There is more than a hint of the temptations that may assail the nurse at her post. "Sobriety," writes the authoress,

is an imperious duty in a nurse; as the least propensity to indulge in taking strong liquors, or meddling with wine or brandy which may be in the room for the use of the sick, is a disposition so highly disreputable that no one who wishes to retain a good character will ever be found in these practices. Even wishing for an undue quantity of porter renders her very unfit for her office, as it must dispose to heaviness at a time, possibly, that her vigilance and activity are peculiarly required. Taking snuff is inadmissible and should never be practised or allowed.

As for hours of work, the authoress dismisses the matter by saying that the nurse should have times to be relieved

in order to enable her to watch vigilantly at night. She should be allowed to breathe the fresh air in the morning for a few minutes, also time given her for changing her clothes. She should take rest in the easy chair when opportunity offers, and should, if necessary, wear worsted gloves in the night, as it very improperly chills a patient by touching him with cold hands.

THE INSTITUTE OF HYGIENE.

We note almost daily the Examination Results published in *The Times* and note the encouraging list given publicity recently by the Royal Institute of Public Hygiene, for the Diploma and Certificate of the Institute. A most encouraging list.

We believe the autocratic and reactionary General Nursing Council for England and Wales is the only statutory body which has determinedly denied to Registered Nurses the recognition which, according to custom, should be their right, after three years of intensive study, and passing the final examination qualifying for the insertion of their names in the statutory Register of Nurses. Should the degrading of the Nursing Profession be effected by this Council *in camera* it will be interesting to note if the publicity will be amongst the privileges awarded the proposed "Roll" of Assistant Nurses. We should not be surprised! It is to be hoped the Registered Nurses will cease to tolerate a form of professional government which has become intolerable; quite absolutely we will not be governed *in camera*.

The basis for every reason advanced for war is the demand for individual freedom and justice. Why, therefore, is the Nursing Profession in this country denied this elementary right?

THE YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT, U.S.A.

We have received, with very great interest, the Bulletin of Yale University, which has as its Dean of the School of Nursing, and Professor of Nursing Education and Administration—Miss Effie J. Taylor, M.A., the present President of the International Council of Nurses.

The School of Nursing is governed by a very representative board of administrative officers, and a comprehensive group of standing committees, the Committee on Admissions, the Committee on the Curriculum, the Committee on Clinical Instruction, and the Committee on Medical Nursing, having as Chair, Miss Effie Taylor. Miss Annie Warburton Goodrich, R.N., Sc.D., LL.D., is Dean Emeritus of the School.

A gift from the Rockefeller Foundation in 1923 made possible the establishment of a School of Nursing at Yale University. Undertaken on an experimental basis, the programme of nursing education, initiated in 1923, had so demonstrated its soundness by 1929; that the Rockefeller Foundation then assured the permanency of the school by the gift of one million dollars for its endowment. The degree of Bachelor of Nursing was awarded to students graduating during the years 1926-36. The Degree of Master of Nursing was first conferred in 1937.

In 1930 the basic course of study was extended from 28 to 30 months, and in 1935 was further extended to 32 months. In addition to instruction and experience in public health and community work as well as hospital service, opportunity is afforded for some practice in the elementary procedure of ward management and practice teaching.

The courses in the various services in the hospital are supplemented by observation and assistance in the dispensary clinics, and through the Visiting Nurse Association and other health and welfare groups the case experience of the students includes, so far as possible, the follow-up work in the home.

The School of Nursing is closely affiliated with the Yale University School of Medicine, the Graduate School and the New Haven Hospital.

The Library of the School of Nursing is in a section of the medical library, located in the Sterling Hall of Medicine. It contains about 3,950 books and pamphlets of recent date of publication which are not only devoted to subjects of nursing and medicine, but also to allied subjects such as biology, sociology and psychology. Trained librarians are in attendance and the Library of the School of Medicine and the University Library, with its large collection of medical books, are also available to students in the School of Nursing.

Each applicant for admission must submit credentials showing the completion of a course leading to the baccalaureate degree in arts, science, or philosophy in a college of approved standing.

As the School of Nursing is registered in the State of Connecticut by the Regents of the University of the State of New York, upon the successful completion of the course graduates will be eligible for admission to the examination for registration in these states, and all other states except those that have enacted laws requiring three years' training in a hospital.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

The International Committee of the Red Cross at Geneva is preparing to open a central agency in Geneva for information regarding prisoners of war.

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