

vices for the sick. These practical nurses are entitled to careful consideration. His Lordship is clearly opposed to the granting to the trained nurse such legislation as would create for them a monopoly. In this view the vast majority of both the medical profession and the public will concur. Reference is made to the legislation which the Ontario Nurses' Association sought to secure; and the same is condemned in these words:

"Thinking this undesirable from a public standpoint, I have thoroughly examined the subject in order to ascertain whether there was a present danger of excluding nurses who could not qualify for this association, and whether there was or was not likely to be a class outside of graduate nurses whose services in a public or private capacity should prevent any monopoly being granted to any one class."

The report next deals with the various duties the nurse may be called upon to perform, such as ward work in a hospital, public health and sanitary work, welfare work, and duties in a sanitarium. Attention is then directed to the fact that "there does exist a complete want of special education in Ontario for those various avenues of work which I have just mentioned, as well as for the practical nurse."

The Commissioner then devotes attention to the registration of nurses. He is of the opinion that this must be conducted under Provincial authority. "This registry should include and classify all nurses, having regard to their education, training or special work, and should so provide that if it should be found at any time possible to supply such a lower class as I have mentioned it might secure a special registry." Nurses for the various departments of social service duties could best be trained in the large cities, and it is suggested that it "could be added as a post-graduate course to the Department of Social Science of the University of Toronto."

The following opinion should meet with approval:

"With regard to the incorporation of graduate nurses, I see no objection to what they ask, provided the word 'registered' is kept for official use, and further, that anyone officially registered, other than those specially registered as practical nurses, should be eligible for membership in the Graduate Nurses' Association, or other nurses' associations, all of whose by-laws as to qualification for membership should be subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council."

It is clearly in the mind of the Commissioner that the graduate nurses should be granted every possible measure of legislative protection inside the creation of a monopoly. It is also clear that the practical nurse should be protected and that for her there should be a "special registry." Further, there should be facilities furnished whereby nurses