

at once, and to place on it without any fee the names of those Members of the B.N.A. who can satisfy the new body that they are by professional knowledge and personal character entitled to be considered Trained Nurses. So we shall see very soon what an independent investigation reveals of the much-abused *personnel* of the Association.

I HEAR that a full report of the meeting will be sent to this and the other professional journals in due course, but I may add that it was stated on good authority at the conversazione that Members would only be Registered without payment until the end of next January, and that all others would be required to pay a fee of half-a-guinea, and that the "period of grace," during which Nurses who have not received a Hospital Certificate can apply to be Registered, will only extend to June 30th. After that I suppose no one will be enrolled who has not had a regular course of training. So it will be well for any of my readers who do not hold Hospital testimonials of efficiency at once to write to the Secretary, 8, Oxford Circus Avenue, Oxford Street, London, and make inquiries as to the necessary course of procedure. In any case I think every Nurse should bring to the notice of all her friends in the calling the fact that the Register is now opened, because once the period of grace is over, it is quite evident that the Board will make the conditions more stringent.

GREAT pleasure was on all sides expressed at the *Conversazione* at the news that, on its second birthday, the Association had been able successfully to float its first and greatest scheme. Taking it altogether, the gathering, to my mind, was even more successful than the one held last year at the Grosvenor Gallery. In the first place, the greatly improved accommodation was a matter of common observation. Last year the only hitch was the insufficient cloak-room provision, because what is amply enough for ladies in ordinary evening costume, proved far too little for Nurses, who—many coming from great distances—practically had to don their uniform on their arrival. However, the lesson had not been wasted, and this year there were three large separate cloak-rooms in use, and by the attendants outside each the slightest overcrowding was effectually prevented.

ON arriving at the Galleries, each visitor was cordially received by the Vice-Chairmen of the Executive Committee, Miss Thorold, Sir Dyce Duckworth, and Mr. Pick. The Galleries are at present hung with many beautiful oil paintings, and in admiring these and listening to the music

excellently rendered by the Bijou Orchestra in the Central Gallery, time passed rapidly until ten o'clock.

A GENERAL move was then made to the Princes' Hall, on the ground floor, where the concert was held.

As soon as the concert was over, the refreshment rooms were opened, and for the rest of the evening were well attended. Everything was very good, and admirably served by attendants in the now well-known uniform of the Oriental Association, of Old Cavendish Street, which is so rapidly taking a foremost place amongst caterers for gatherings such as this. Meanwhile, a constant current of visitors was passing up and down the large staircase and through the galleries, where capital music was being performed by the Bijou Orchestra.

THE *tout ensemble* of the gathering was, to my mind, very impressive, and I know that many others were equally impressed. There were, I was told, over one thousand people present, of whom the great majority were Nurses. And one could not look at the hundreds of these refined—and many highly intellectual-looking—women without feeling that it was no trivial movement which could have welded them together, and that it would be no easy matter now to prevent them attaining their objects. Probably the managers of the Association have realised this long ago, for only conscious strength can explain the calm patience with which they have ignored abuse and misrepresentation, and carried on the organisation of Registration to its now successful issue.

"DR.," or better known perhaps to our readers as Miss Arabella Kenealy, L.K.Q.C.P.I., has recently been interviewed by our enterprising contemporary, *The Women's Penny Paper* (a journal, by the way, which will bear reading regularly), which publishes also a photograph which bears strong facial likeness to the one issued in the "Our Album" series some time ago of Miss Annesley Kenealy, now lecturer to the National Health Society. In the course of the interview Miss Kenealy is reported to have stated that "We ought not to imitate men, but take advantage of our difference of temperament and character to introduce a new mode of thought into the field of work."

AND further, Miss Kenealy—whose authority to speak upon the subject we cannot possibly question—gives it as her avowed opinion "that the scrubbing and door-handle-polishing on which so much of the Nurse's time and strength is wasted

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