

that body, realizing their full importance to the future welfare of their profession. We have been well aware of this fact, because, as Editor of this Journal, we are naturally in frequent correspondence not only with the leaders of the nursing profession in this and other countries, but also with many of the rank and file. We have, therefore, known that the silence which has been maintained concerning the proceedings of Sir James Crichton Browne, Mr. John Langton, and Mr. Edward Fardon, has by no means meant that the Nursing world was either oblivious to the grave importance, or apathetic as to the results, of those endeavours; but merely that quiet confidence was felt that when it became necessary for the nursing profession to protect its interests, the great body of nurses would almost unanimously follow their matrons in any movement which the latter considered necessary to attain that end. We, therefore, fully realized how futile the efforts of the gentlemen we have named would be; and we have been content to wait until they had irrevocably disclosed their real purposes. It has, however, caused no small surprise that Miss Thorold, of the Middlesex, Miss Wedgwood, of the Royal Free, and Miss De Pledge, of the Chelsea Workhouse Infirmary, should have continued to support the gentlemen in question in measures which could have no other result but to endanger the professional liberties and rights of their fellow nurses; because, even if these ladies were unaware of the growing indignation with which these measures have been regarded, they can hardly have blinded themselves as to the minute support they were receiving from the members of their profession outside their own hospitals.

However, the time has certainly come for those anxious for the true welfare of the nursing profession to meet together and formulate their views on various important questions.

The various suggestions which are now being discussed for a system of registration of trained nurses, will doubtless be brought before the Conference, because it is generally admitted that nurses will not register under the existing conditions.

A definite and general curriculum of nursing education is another matter which is of great importance to the profession at large; and there are other questions, such as the organization of Home Hospitals, the

regulations for Private Nurses Co-operations, and the education and registration of Mental Nurses, which should receive careful attention, and would, if discussed in such a Conference, doubtless elicit the most valuable information and expressions of opinion. We shall have much pleasure in publishing the full details of this Meeting as soon as the necessary arrangements are completed, and feel confident that it will have very important public and professional results.

Annotations.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

THE Report of the Jubilee Institute shows, as was to be expected, that a great impetus has been given to the work of the Institute during the Diamond Jubilee year of Her Majesty. Founded originally, upon the suggestion of a woman, out of funds subscribed by women, as a memorial, to a woman sovereign, the greatest, whether man or woman, who has ruled over the British Empire, the Jubilee Institute has been a great success. A matter for regret is that, owing as it does to inception, and its success to womenkind, the management of the Institute appears to be delivered over to the other sex, and the Report of the Council to Her Majesty is signed by a man. The brains that conceived, and carried out the raising of the fund would surely be of value in effecting its administration.

It is only natural that the Queen's Commemoration Fund, inaugurated in aid of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, as a Diamond Jubilee Memorial, should have brought the work of the Institute prominently before the public. It is natural also that in many places the formation of an Association to nurse the sick poor has suggested itself as the most fitting way in which a permanent memorial of the Queen's long reign could be made. This fact has added considerably to the number of Affiliated Associations, as well as brought an increased demand for "Queen's Nurses."

Two new departures have been made by the Institute during the past year. (1) The taking over and incorporating into the Institute, with Her Majesty's approval, the Rural District Branch. It was found that the work of the inspectors of the Rural

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