

4. To provide a department for registering the names and addresses of members engaged in private work who require employment.

We congratulate the promoters of the Club on their unanimous election of Miss Huxley as their President. Miss Huxley is widely known to the heads of Nurse Training Schools in the United Kingdom as a most efficient and able administrator. She has also gained the respect of her colleagues for the just and firm attitude she has adopted on the question of State Registration for Nurses, and her consistent support of the principle of their professional freedom. She is also personally known to her colleagues in Great Britain, as she has for many years made a point of attending meetings in London and thus acquainting herself with the present position of nursing progress and politics. Beyond the expense that this attendance involves, the difficulty to a busy Matron of finding time for such business is great, but Miss Huxley has always realized her public obligations to her profession, and this fact, combined with her strong personality, has, no doubt, inspired her colleagues with the belief that in her they have a leader worthy of their confidence, fully acquainted with the questions which affect their profession.

Miss Huxley is also to be congratulated on the strong committee associated with her for the management of the Club. She has in all those who form the Executive Committee, active and able helpers, whose names are well known not only in Ireland, but also in Great Britain, and who are justly respected for their earnest and successful work. The new Club begins under the happiest conditions, and all that remains for us is most cordially to wish it success, which we do right heartily.

The Subscriptions have been fixed at £1 1s. per annum for voting members, and 5s. per annum for ordinary members.

Marriage Bells.

THE marriage of Miss Lofts to Mr. George Wates was solemnized at Snaresbrook Congregational Church on Wednesday, October 31st. A reception was afterwards held at "Mereby," Sylvan Road, the residence of her sister, Mrs. Cornwell. The wedding was a quiet one, but the great esteem in which Miss Lofts is held, both by her nursing friends and many others, was shown by the numerous guests assembled to wish her all happiness in the future. The bride wore a very becoming dress of white cashmere and white felt hat with ostrich feathers. The happy pair left "Mereby" soon after four o'clock for Torquay, where the honeymoon will be spent.

The Hospitals Commission.

MRS. RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN'S EVIDENCE.

LETTERS having reached England from South Africa that the evidence of women, criticising adversely the management of the South African military hospitals, was apparently unpalatable to some members of the Royal Commission, we thought well to wend our way to Burlington Gardens and judge on this question for ourselves, when Mrs. Richard Chamberlain gave her evidence before it on Monday last.

The Commissioners present, in addition to the chairman, Lord Justice Romer, were Sir D. Richmond, and Dr. Church, and Major Tennant (Secretary).

Mrs. Chamberlain is a very bright woman, and, as an inky colleague at the reporters' table remarked, "she's on the spot." The truth was soon quite evident that she was on more than one spot, and the good-humoured manner in which she "stood up" to the three very serious gentlemen, who reduced her story to facts, showed an admirable amount of pluck and self-control.

Moreover, we feel bound in fairness to Mrs. Chamberlain to record our sympathy with her when, after a fair amount of "heckling," she remarked to Lord Justice Romer, the President: "Had I not known to the contrary, I should have thought you held a brief for the army doctors," and "The South African authorities received complaints very much as you are receiving my evidence now, they did their best to make one feel uncomfortable."

No. 1 WYNBERG HOSPITAL.

As all the world knows, Mrs. Richard Chamberlain went off to South Africa as soon as war was declared last year, and, aided by other ladies, set to work to provide comforts for our sick and wounded soldiers, who, alas! so soon overcrowded all hospital accommodation. Mrs. Chamberlain, after an infinity of trouble, got permission from General Walker to visit No. 1 Hospital, Wynberg, near Cape Town, and it was principally to the condition of this institution that her evidence referred. The fact was elicited that she had permission to visit three days a week, but she went every day; but as she lunched daily with some of the officials, and no complaint was made until months later, and after she had made complaints as to the management, she considered she had permission.

Questioned as to the accusation which had been made that she gave unsuitable food to the patients and for this reason was forbidden to continue her visits, she replied that there was no foundation for the statement that she had given "buns to enterics" and that Col. Anthonyz, the P.M.O., did not either speak or write to her

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