

The Registered Nurses' Society.

The seventh Annual Meeting of the Registered Nurses' Society was held on Wednesday at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, when a most satisfactory report was presented— with which we shall deal in full next week. The Registered Nurses' Society have wisely determined to take part in the great professional gathering of nurses at Buffalo in September, and we congratulate them upon selecting their able Secretary as their representative at the International Nurses Congress.

There are some persons who always impress one with their absolute sincerity, truth, and honour, and of their number is certainly Miss Sophia Cartwright. Quiet, unassuming, and retiring in manner, there is at the same time a sturdy uprightness about her, a heritage, no doubt, from the good old north-country stock from which she is descended.

Miss Cartwright entered St. Bartholomew's Hospital for training in 1885. She obtained her certificate in 1888, but remained in the hospital for another year as staff nurse. In 1889 she was appointed staff nurse at

Gordon House Home Hospital, where she subsequently became Sister-in-Charge, a position which she held until 1896, and discharged with the greatest credit and efficiency. From 1896 to the present time she has been the Secretary of the Registered Nurses' Society, and her excellent business capacity and professional knowledge have been of great value to the members. Miss Cartwright has always taken a keen interest in matters affecting the organization of her profession, and may be relied upon to support any well-considered scheme for its general good. She is a member of the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses, and of the Matrons' Council, of which she is one of the early members. The Registered Nurses' Society have done wisely in selecting her as their delegate, and in her hands they may rest assured that the best interests of their Society are secure, and that she may be relied upon to act and vote straight upon matters

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