

and below the affected part and the heart.

The patient should be clad in a loose gown, and care should be taken to keep the body well covered, with the exception of the part undergoing manipulation. The patient should be placed in an easy and comfortable position, with the joints midway between flexion and extension. The operator should take care to be neither too near nor too far away; if too near the patient, the movements will be cramped for want of space, thereby becoming indefinite and lacking in strength. Apply as much of the surface of the hands and fingers as possible to the part operated upon, in order that no time be lost in working, and also that pressure may be evenly distributed. Each manipulation should be begun moderately, gradually increasing in force and frequency to the fullest desirable extent, and should end as gradually as it was begun.

If more agreeable to the patient, talcum powder or pure vaseline may be used as a lubricant; other greasy substances are to be avoided, as the fingers will slip and prevent the hands and fingers from seizing, grasping, and kneading the tissues; except where the skin is extremely sensitive.

Always bear in mind the anatomy of the body, the outlines of the bones, the location of the principal arteries, veins, and muscles.

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Office, 431, Oxford Street, on Friday, 12th inst. Miss Isla Stewart presided. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the Hon. Secretary reported that the Bill had been introduced into the House of Commons on Thursday, March 14th, by Mr. Munro-Ferguson, supported by Sir John Dickson-Poynder (L., Chippenham), Sir G. S. Robertson, K.C.S.I. (L., Bradford, Cen.), Mr. C. D. Rose (L., Newmarket), Mr. Roland Rainy, M.B., C.M.Edin. (L., Kilmarnock Burghs), Mr. V. H. Rutherford, M.B. (L., Brentford), Mr. H. T. Eve, K.C. (L., Ashburton, Devon), Mr. A. Fell (U., Yarmouth), Mr. W. Crooks (Lab., Woolwich), Mr. Jowett (Lab., Bradford, W.), and Mr. W. McKillop (N., Annagh, S.), but that, owing to congestion of Government business, no second reading had been possible so far.

In the United States, Bills for the State Registration of Nurses had been passed by the Legislatures of three more States, New Hampshire, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia, and Bills for the same purpose were

before the Legislatures of Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota, altogether in twenty-six States the nurses were banded together, working for the same end.

THE PETITION.

It was reported that the Petition had been widely signed, and it was agreed to obtain as many more signatures as possible, to prove the wide-felt demand for legislation upon the part of those nurses who realised the evils resulting from lack of an educational standard, and who suffered from the injustice of the present disorganised conditions of work.

RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT.

The resignation of the President, Miss Louisa Stevenson, who felt herself unable any longer to perform the duties of the office, was received with the deepest regret. All present were unanimous in expressions of sincere appreciation of all Miss Stevenson had done for the Society by her personal interest and invaluable advice, and also by the most generous financial support which she had accorded it. It was desired that these expressions of appreciation should be conveyed to Miss Stevenson by the Hon. Secretary.

Miss Isla Stewart was nominated by Miss Mollett, seconded by Miss H. Pearse, for the Presidency of the Society, and, upon her acceptance, it was decided to propose her election to the Annual Meeting to be held on May 24th in London.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Thirty-four applications for membership from certificated nurses were then considered and approved.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 2004 Miss L. Strath, cert., Western Inf., Glasgow.
- 2005 Miss E. Taylor, cert., Sunderland Inf.
- 2006 Miss E. M. Guy, cert., General Inf., Leeds.
- 2007 Miss Clara A. Rogers, cert., General Inf., Leeds.
- 2008 Miss J. Forbes, cert., Paddington Inf.
- 2009 Miss E. D. McDonald, cert., Paddington Inf.
- 2010 Miss A. M. Buxton, cert., National Hosp., Queen's Square.
- 2011 Miss C. Bolton, cert., West Kent Hosp., Maidstone.
- 2012 Miss M. E. Wilkes, cert., General Inf., Sunderland.
- 2013 Miss B. Waggett, cert., General Inf., Sunderland, *Matron*, Hosp. for Incurables, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- 2014 Miss A. E. Clack, cert., Royal Inf., Preston.
- 2015 Miss C. Macbeth, cert., Wellington Hosp., New Zealand.

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