

Miss Worrall, Hon. Secretary of the Midwives' Defence Association, presented a paper, and Miss Wortabet read a paper by Miss Beatrice Kent, which was full of information. In the discussion which followed, a Defence Union for Nurses and State Registration of course cropped up, and Miss Wortabet spoke eloquently in support of the necessity for legal status as a means of protection for nurses.

The editorial in this month's official organ of the R.B.N.A. is purposely misleading to the members—in attempting to persuade them that Dr. Bezly Thorne's scheme for bestowing diplomas has been sympathetically received either by the training schools or the nursing profession. A direct negative is proved when in the same issue it is reported that only five nurses have presented themselves for examination, and this after the scheme has been widely advertised privately, and through the medical and lay nursing press for six months.

As no standard of general education, no standard of professional training, and no inspection of training schools are required, and as the curriculum for the examination is exceedingly elementary, the five candidates of course were passed. They will be required to pay two guineas for a "Diploma" which is useless as a guarantee of efficiency. We regret that nurses and the public should be so misled by this silly examination. No doubt the money is greatly needed to keep the R.B.N.A. going, as it now apparently lives upon the membership of nurses trained in South Australia and at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow. Out of the 27 nurses who have registered during the past three months 15 come from Glasgow Royal and two from the Colonies.

We are glad to note that an Assistant Matron is to be appointed at the County Hospital, Bedford. The best Matron in the world—and Miss Munro is in the front rank—cannot possibly superintend a hospital of 100 beds, manage its domestic department, and be at the same time the active teacher in class of the probationers. Dr. Kinsey said most wisely that they were absolutely not justified in taking probationers unless they trained them properly, therefore it resolved itself into a question of honesty. The truest economy was efficiency, and in proportion as they made the hospital efficient in every detail they would get the money to meet the expenses.

At the annual meeting of the subscribers of the West of England Eye Infirmary at Exeter,

it was reported that the children's ward had been named the Kinnimont Ward, in memory of the late Matron, and a handsome memorial tablet in alabaster and bronze had been placed in the entrance hall, stating this fact and recording her invaluable services to the institution. The entire cost was defrayed by subscriptions. By August next year the institution will have been established a hundred years, and the celebration of the centenary is already under the consideration of the Committee.

We heartily congratulate Miss Rogers, the President of the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League on the wonderful success of the Bazaar which, together with many kind friends, they have organised in aid of the new Nurses' Home, and which was opened by Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll last week.

The following stalls were managed by the nurses:—

The Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League Stalls (organised by the members of the League).—Miss Rogers and the resident members of the League, assisted by the Misses Pell Smith, Havers, Strong, Braye, M. De H. Spittal, Waldron, Mesdames Barron, Service, Ashwin, Barnes, the Misses Eacott, Ogden, Knaggs, and Perry.

The Produce Stall.—Managed by nurses and friends.

The Refreshment Stall (under the management of the Nurses' League), assisted by Mesdames Perkins Pick, Ryder, Neale, Harry Johnson, the Misses Coward, James, Rendell, Wykes, Berridge, Marlow, Davis, Payne.

The Patients' Stall under the management of the nurses.

The promoters may well be gratified by the splendid financial result. Not only has it realised the most sanguine expectation, but it is likely to contribute a handsome £4,000 to the balance of £10,000 required for the Nurses' Home. Altogether the receipts reached £4,300, and of this as much as £1,400 was contributed by the industrial section. This signal success must be the subject of general rejoicing, and prove a happy reward for the generous and self-sacrificing co-operation of which it was the fruit.

Miss Annie Jackson, the Matron of the Strangers' Hospital, Rio de Janeiro, says in her annual report that there has been a greater demand for private nurses, especially for maternity cases, than in any previous year, and that unfortunately the hospital has not been able to supply them.

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