

Progress of State Registration.

THE REGISTRATION MEETING.

The 21st is drawing very near, and we hope all good Registrationists and their friends are determined, if possible, to be present at the Caxton Hall on that date to demonstrate in support of the State Registration of Nurses when Lady Helen Munro Ferguson will be in the chair, and speak on this important movement. Lady Helen will be supported by Mr. H. J. Tennant, M.P., Chairman of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on Registration, Dr. H. Langley Browne, Member of the General Medical Council, Miss E. S. Haldane, LL.D., Chairman of the Scottish Registration Committee, Dr. W. I. de Courcy Wheeler, Member of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland, Dr. T. B. Hyslop, Resident Physician, Bethlem Royal Hospital, Dr. Bedford Fenwick, Chairman, Registered Nurses' Society, Dr. John Bier-nacki, Hon. Secretary, Fever Nurses' Association, Miss Móllett, Matron, Royal South Hants Hospital, Miss H. L. Pearse, Superintendent, London County Council School Nurses, and others.

Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.S., regrets his inability to attend the meeting, and writes: "The object of the meeting has, and always has had, my entire sympathy." Mrs. Kildare Treacy, President Irish Nurses' Association, unable herself to attend, is interesting many Irish Members of Parliament in the movement for state registration, and we hope to have the Emerald Isle represented. Mrs. Fawcett, LL.D., writes:—"The cause of registration has my entire sympathy, and I hope your efforts to bring it about will ere long be crowned with success."

Just as soon as trained nurses themselves prove by constitutional demonstration how earnestly they desire legislation, just so soon will it be granted; not a moment before. So the 21st of February next should be set apart and let us hope that every chair in the large Caxton Hall will be filled. Those in opposition, or those who have not yet considered the question, will be equally welcome, as we feel sure our case will be presented by the various speakers in the most reasonable and convincing manner.

Dr. Ralph Vincent, on Tuesday last, delivered the first of a new series of lectures on "Babies" at the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W., the subject being "Malnutrition." The lecture, which we hope to publish in full, was most interesting and instructive. No nurse who can possibly attend should miss this course.

The Presidency of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.

I want to thank quite a number of kind fellow members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses for intimating their desire to nominate me for the Presidency. I also want to make it as public as possible that much as I appreciate their honourable intentions, under no circumstances can I consent to stand for election. My whole time is entirely devoted to the organisation of the profession to which I am proud to belong, through national and international means. No one can quite supply the place left vacant by the resignation, from a sense of public duty, of Miss Isla Stewart, but I have no doubt when the voting papers arrive we shall find thereon a name known to us all, trained in the best traditions of our Alma Mater, whose subsequent career has been one of high endeavour, devotion to duty, and professional success. There are many such in the League for whom I shall have pleasure in recording my vote.

ETHEL G. FENWICK.

LEAGUE NEWS.

The following ladies have been appointed members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses: Miss I. M. Foster, Miss Jessie Robertson, Miss Elsa Henny, Miss E. Harvey, Miss E. V. O. Gascoigne.

Irish Nursing Notes.

IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday evening last week the Irish Nurses' Association attended in force to listen to a lecture on "Typhoid and Diphtheria," given by Alfred A. Parsons, Esq., M.D., visiting physician to the City of Dublin Hospital, who is a very eloquent and instructive teacher, and who claimed the attention of his audience throughout. Dr. Parsons was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Miss Joy and seconded by Miss Crowther. Mrs. Kildare Treacy, the President, expressed the general pleasure of the meeting.

IRISH MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable social gathering took place on Saturday, February 1st, at the Nurses' Bureau, 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin. It was arranged by the Irish Matrons' Association in order to give the London examiners of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses an opportunity of meeting the Irish certificate holders and others interested in massage.

The rooms were kindly lent for the purpose by the Executive Committee of the Irish Nurses'

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