

### Progress of State Registration.

It is hoped the members will make every effort to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, called for Wednesday, the 30th inst., as business of great importance will be under consideration.

Lord Amptill has put down the Nurses' Registration Bill for further consideration in the House of Lords on October 15th, so that Registration will be again to the fore on the very first opportunity in the Autumn Session.

#### REGISTRATION IN SCOTLAND.

Scottish nurses are much gratified that the resolution in favour of State Registration will be brought before the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, at Aberdeen, next month, by so eloquent a speaker as Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson, seconded by Miss Gill, R.R.C., the popular Superintendent of Nurses of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

#### REGISTRATION IN IRELAND.

The Irish Nurses' Association met in consultation on the 15th inst., concerning the proposed amendments to the Nurses' Registration Bill, and have been invited to send two delegates to a special conference with the Irish Medical Association to discuss the proposed legislation. Miss Huxley and Mrs. Kildare Treacy were elected to act.

#### STATE REGISTRATION FOR NURSES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

There was a large attendance at the Annual General Meeting of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association on July 22, when the Hon. Secretary read the draft of the Bill, prepared by the late sub-committee of the Association for the State Registration of Trained Nurses in the State of New South Wales. Those present fully realised the importance of the contemplated legislation, the results of which would be felt in other States of the Commonwealth. Dr. MacKellar's threatened legislation for trained nurses, which proposed to deprive them of all personal and professional responsibility, has had the desirable result of arousing the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association to appeal for legal status direct, so that good will come out of evil in Australasia, just as it has done in the Mother Country. The day has gone by in which women's work can be voluntarily organised. Their skilled labour is a national asset, and they have an equal right with men to State protection.

The Countess of Dudley, accompanied by her children, left London by the *Ortona* on Friday in last week for Sydney, to join her husband, the Governor General of the Commonwealth.

Lady Dudley is one of the few peeresses who, in interesting herself in nursing, has studied the nurses' interests meanwhile, and has supported their demand for efficient professional standards. She is a Vice-President of the Society for the State Registration of Nurses, and goes out to Sydney in the nick of time to help the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association in their coming fight for a Bill which will maintain the efficient standards of nursing enforced by their voluntary system.

#### WELCOME HELP.

Miss Mary Burr, the Hon. Secretary of the St. John's House Nurses' League, has forwarded to the Treasurer of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses the annual subscription of £1 1s., which has been received with gratitude.

### The Registered Nurses' Society.

The Offices of the Registered Nurses' Society in Oxford Street, W., the meeting place of so many earnest workers, have been most tastefully redecorated. The beautiful Board Room looks quite charming in pale green and white, with flowered chintz curtains in tones of mauvey pink. It is hoped to hold some happy reunions there this winter, when Sister Cartwright returns from her well-earned holiday in Scotland.

#### A NURSE LEFT £30,000.

Members of the Registered Nurses' Society have been very fortunate in receiving substantial legacies from grateful patients after long attendance. Some time ago a member received £1,000 and £300 a year for life, and now a nurse after seven years' devoted nursing of a young man whose sufferings have been very sad, to whom she was sent by the society, has become entitled under his will to a fortune of £30,000.

#### WEDDING BELLS.

Mlle. Duconseil, the resident directrice of the Nurses' College at the Salpêtrière Hospital in Paris, has resigned her position to be married at an early date. This is a most important post, and in France somewhat difficult to fill, as without doubt a thoroughly trained and highly educated woman should occupy a position of such far reaching influence. We offer felicitations to Mlle. Duconseil.

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