

cal training, the working hours, the teachers (doctors and nurses), the special training for Matrons, and on the number of probationers and trained nurses in each hospital, etc., etc., was sent to all hospitals and asylums. If everybody answers correctly and clearly, we shall get a pretty good estimate of the training of the Dutch nurses. My private opinion is, that the result will be a confirmation of that which *Nosokomos* has always contended—that the training of our probationers is still in a muddle. Of course, each training school has some good things, but there is no co-operation and no mutual discussion about the ways and means of obtaining a good result. The result of the inquiry is not yet known, and our patience is sorely taxed. But we have one consolation: our cause is attracting public attention. A few days ago some members of Parliament interviewed the Minister of the Interior about our Petition. He answered that the advice of the Board of Health not having been yet received, he reserved his own opinion about the matter.

“Not all political parties are, of course, on our side, only the more progressive ones. A rather conservative member, well contented with the present state of affairs, advised the Minister to let things be; another one said there was no reason to interfere, because . . . many different associations have taken the matter up, have instituted examinations, and give certificates, and most hospitals give some training to their pupil nurses. He did not seem to perceive that his argument against State Registration is in reality one in favour of it, all those different certificates constituting a great danger.

“You see the struggle is now beginning in real earnest, but it is a good thing that people are showing some interest in this matter. We must now try to keep up that interest, and win public opinion over to our side. Then the cause will be gained.”

*Kai Tiaki*, the organ of the nurses of New Zealand, says: “We are so far away from the centre of things here in New Zealand that perhaps many of us lose sight of what is being done at home to give our profession a recognised legal status. There seems now to be a fair prospect that the efforts of leading nurses for many years will shortly be crowned with success. . . . As a part of the British Empire, a measure affecting the nurses of Great Britain must also affect the nurses of this Dominion, and, although we have had no hand in helping it on, except perhaps by acting as an illustration of the benefits of a similar measure, we, too, must exult when the Nurses’ Bill is made law.

## League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.



A Special General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was held at the Hospital on Saturday last. The President, Miss Cox-Davies, telegraphed that she was unavoid-

ably prevented from being present, and the chair was therefore taken by Miss Isla Stewart, whose election as Vice-President, on the proposition of Mrs. Walter Spencer, seconded by Mrs. Shuter, was carried by acclamation. Though with far-sighted wisdom, Miss Stewart has insisted on resigning the Presidency, for a time at least, the bond between her and the members of the League, for which she has done so much, must always be one of the closest, and the pleasure felt that she has consented to still hold an official position in the League was unmistakable and sincere.

The resignation of Mrs. Matthews of the position of General Secretary, which she has filled so ably for the last four years, was received with very great regret. A very warm vote of thanks was heartily accorded to her. Mrs. Spencer, who was the first Hon. Secretary of the League, spoke of the large amount of work the position entailed, and Miss Stewart said that Mrs. Matthews had not only done the work thoroughly and efficiently, but in a most delightful way.

Mrs. Lancelot Andrews was unanimously elected to fill the position vacated by Mrs. Matthews, and Miss Stewart reminded the members that Mrs. Andrews was one of those who helped to form the League, was its first Treasurer, and knew all the business thoroughly.

Miss Stewart then invited the League to consider the proposition of the Territorial Force *re* the Nursing of No. 1 Hospital, City of London. In introducing the subject, she said that beyond her personal duty the first duty of each nurse was to her country. The hospitals now being organised in connection with the Territorial Force would be mobilised in the event of an invasion. St. Bartholomew's was the only general hospital in the City of London, and the medical staff of No. 1 General Hospital of the Territorial Force would therefore be all Bart's men. A short time ago Mr. Bowlby came to her and asked her if were possible that it should be entirely staffed by Bart's nurses, though he did not see how the number of nurses required could

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