

practical work, as was shown by the report. The Association took help and skilled nursing to those who otherwise would not get them. Unfortunately the Association was in need of money, and there was need for increased subscriptions. In seconding the adoption, which was carried, the Bishop of Thetford said that all who had ever had illness in their homes knew the enormous value of good and efficient nursing, however competent the doctor might be, and when to sickness was added poverty, the result was a terrible amount of anxiety.

No formal conference was held this year by the Metropolitan and Southern Counties Association of "Queen's" Superintendents. The staffs in most of the homes are greatly reduced in numbers, owing to so many nurses being engaged on war duty, either at home or abroad, so that the Superintendents find it difficult to leave their posts. This, as well as the fact that no cheap trains are available, caused the Committee to come to this decision, but those who were in London met at tea at 23, Bloomsbury Square, on June 1st, by the kind invitation of Miss Hadden, and a friendly discussion on topics of mutual interest took place.

The Portslade Medical Officer of Health has prepared a report as to maternity and child welfare, and the pamphlet issued by the Local Government Board thereon, and stated that the arrangement with the Portslade Queen's Nurses was working satisfactorily. Public bodies cannot get better value for their outlay than by employing thoroughly qualified Queen's Nurses for work of this description.

The shortage of nurses for poor law patients is having curious effects. A probationer at Newport Poor Law institution complained to the House Committee that the probationers did not consider that they were receiving sufficient training, and wished to know whether the training would be continued at Caerleon. The Chairman assured the probationers that the committee were doing all they could to carry out their contract.

At the recent Annual General Meeting of King Edward's Coronation Fund for Nurses, held at 73, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, the chair was taken by Mr. Andrew Beattie, D.L., Trustee of the Society.

The members of the nursing profession elected as members of the Council for the ensuing year are Miss Kelly, Miss MacDonnell, R.R.C., Miss McGivney, Miss Powell, Miss Reed, Miss Colvin, and Miss Phillips.

## MACMILLAN & CO. v. THE NURSING PRESS, LTD. AND OTHERS.

Our readers will be interested to hear that the proprietors and editor of the *Nursing Times* have commenced legal proceedings against the proprietors and editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING in reference to the comments concerning the former which appeared in our issue of May 15th. It will be realised by our readers—whom we advise to keep the copy in question for future reference—that questions of the greatest importance both to the nursing profession and the public are involved in this action. Meanwhile, of course, as the whole matter is *sub judice*, we can only give publicity to the fact that proceedings are to be taken in Court, but without comment on the case.

## REGISTRATION IN NEW YORK STATE.

### EDUCATING THE PUBLIC.

Miss Annie W. Goodrich, the President of the International Council of Nurses, writes:—

"We have again struggled to amend our Nurses' Practice Act (State Registration) in New York State, and I fear we shall again have failed, although this year the Bill presented was very much less drastic than the one of the previous two years, and, furthermore, was presented to the Legislature by the Regents of the University of the State of New York, and endorsed by the State Nurses' Association, whereas last year the State Nurses' Association put the Bill in themselves. It would have seemed that with this very strong endorsement of the measure we should have been able to have put the measure through, but the commercial opposition was too heavy. The compensation, however, for this struggle of three years to put a law on the statute books that shall require the licensing of all women who practise as professionally prepared nurses, has been the education of the public. Every year has brought us more friends and a more intelligent understanding of our efforts."

The *American Journal of Nursing* reports that bills for the State Registration of Trained Nurses were introduced during the winter in North Dakota and Maine. In the former, while registration is voluntary, there is a full Nurse Board of Examiners, and it is considered a fairly satisfactory measure. The Maine law has a Board of four nurses and one physician.

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