

if the President and the Executive Committee had, like the nation at large, experienced the need to exercise great vigilance in this instance in guarding the ideals and interests of the nursing profession.

"With truth it might be said that 'Vigilance' could be called the watchword of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses from its foundation in 1902."

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick briefly outlined the present position up to date, commenting, in this connection, on the seventh draft of the Nurses' Registration Bill of the College of Nursing, Ltd. Three important points had now been conceded, but the Bill still incorporated the College Company; it also made provision for establishing registers of specialists. The claim for such registers was a claim on the part of institutions. To take women and half train them was to put them outside the pale. The first duty of any Council considering the State Registration of Trained Nurses was to do justice to the members of the nursing profession.

This view was strongly supported by Miss Helen Pearse.

The Chairman said that the nursing profession appeared at the present time to be in great jeopardy. It was used, put aside, and other people put forward; training did not count. We must see that the profession was not overlooked. She hoped if amalgamation of the two Bills took place we should keep the profession at the top, and hold firmly to standards, ideals, and principles.

The meeting then terminated, and adjourned for tea, which was served in the Nurses' Home and the cloisters.

### THE NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE CAMP.

This is the first, but I trust not the last, time that I have attended the "Camp" of the Nurses' Missionary League. It was held from June 20th to 27th, at Old Jordans Hostel, Beaconsfield, an ideal spot with such a beautiful old-world garden and lovely woods and country all round, most restful and peaceful. We started with twelve members, but were soon fourteen, and several were prevented at the last from joining us. We met each morning after breakfast for prayers, and then most of the mornings and afternoons were spent in walks or rambles in the woods, in gathering strawberries or in cycle rides. One afternoon two of the nurses made an excursion to Burnham Beeches, most beautiful woods, some six miles away. On three mornings there were Bible Circles, which we found most helpful; but best of all perhaps were the evenings, when we had inspiring addresses on such subjects as "God's Plan for the World" and "The Great Adventure," always ending with prayer and intercession. We remembered all our members, very especially those in the foreign mission field. We were very fortunate in having with us Miss Herbert, from

China; Miss Mathew, from Uganda; Miss Jones from North India; and Miss Edwards, who has done mission work in France. Other members represented health welfare, civil and military hospitals and private and district work. We had wonderful examples of God's answers to prayer in Miss Herbert's most interesting talks about China and Miss Mathew and Miss Jones interested us keenly in their work by their conversation and photographs. They showed us how very urgent is the call for more workers; while the letters read to us from members abroad showed how more than usually under-staffed many hospitals are at present, making always difficult work well-nigh impossible. They showed us too, however, that the difficulties are as nothing in comparison with the privilege of carrying the message of Christ all over the world. Many of these letters told how deeply the members abroad appreciate the prayers of their friends, and one of the lasting memories of Camp will be the emphasis upon prayer.

It was the most enjoyable and most restful holiday I have ever had, and we all hope that the second Camp, which is to be held at Mottram St. Andrew, Cheshire, from July 17th to 24th, will be as great a success. Any nurses who are free at that time should write at once for particulars to Miss Macfee, 21, Frognal Lane, Hampstead, London, N.W. 3.

A VISITOR TO THE CAMP.

### NURSES AND INSURANCE.

The National Insurance Commissioners have issued a summary of the Provisions of the National Insurance (Health) Acts, 1911-18, for the information of the members of Approved Societies. These helpful leaflets can be obtained, cost 1d. through any bookseller, or directly from H.M. Stationery Office, at the following addresses:—Imperial House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2; or 28, Abingdon Street, London, S.W. 1; 37, Peter Street, Manchester; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 23, Forth Street, Edinburgh; and E. Ponsonby, Ltd., 116, Grafton Street, Dublin. Nurses who are insured would do well to procure and study these leaflets, as they will find them very useful to refer to in dealing with the Secretary of the Approved Society in which they are insured.

#### A NEW RULE.

The amended Act (1918), Clause 27, instructs a member who becomes incapable of work through illness to give notice to her Society *at once*, together with a medical certificate of incapacity. If she does not give notice *within three days* from the commencement of her incapacity, benefit will not commence until the day following that on which the notice is given. This is a new rule, to which insured nurses must give heed, as under the old provisions of the Act, they were often most casual in notifying illness, sometimes not doing so for weeks and then expecting benefit in full, although all rules had been broken. For the future they will do well to obey the law.

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