

worked with her. Now this is unjust. We of the male branch of the profession take standing from seniority, or from work done, or from diplomas and degrees taken. We are legally protected by Registration. Now the Nurse has no chance of taking any diploma, nor at present of being on any Register, and so ensuring legal protection. This question has been in the minds of many for some years past, both Nurses, and Doctors who take an interest in Nurses; but not until December 7th of last year was any motion set on foot with a view to establishing an Association for the Registration and protection of Nurses, and for the further object of ensuring that only those were Registered who were competent to fulfil all the duties of a Nurse."

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DR. CALLENDER then described the preliminary steps in the formation of the Association, the now historical meeting which inaugurated it, and the subsequent larger and more important gatherings. He then read and explained the bye-laws, pointed out how many of the leaders of the Medical profession at once came forward to assist in the work, and then concluded thus:—"This is a very brief and imperfect sketch of what has been done, and it must be apparent to all of you how extremely beneficial, not only to yourselves, but to us as Physicians and Surgeons, and to the public generally, such an institution as this Association must be. Whilst at Hospital you are known to all with whom you come in contact, and you feel no need of Registration and legal protection, but it is extremely improbable that any of you will stay here for the rest of your lives; some may go home to their friends, some to English Hospitals, and some to other Colonial Hospitals, while some go into Private Nursing. In any one of these cases, the possession of a diploma of membership will at once give you a status in the profession, the value of which may be almost inestimable to you. By the scheme detailed in brief above, you must see that the basis of this Association will be of a most durable and satisfactory character."

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"A ROYAL CHARTER will legalise all the acts of the Council and Committees, which bodies will be elected by the Nurses themselves, and will include in their number all the leading members of the Nursing and Medical professions. This will ensure impartiality, independence, and power; and the diploma of Registration granted by such a body will be one which will be recognised as an absolutely safe guarantee that the holder thereof is fully competent and trustworthy in every way. This Association is to be open to all women nursing in British possessions, whether engaged

in private Nursing or Hospital work. Here I would recall your attention for a moment to Rule 4, which states that no Nurse shall be eligible to admission as a member of this Association who has not nursed for three years. Now, this may seem an excessively long period of training; but Nursing cannot be learnt in a day, and the Medical profession demand long service and hard work before it is possible for its members even to go up for examination. We, as Medical Students, have to be signed up as having attended lectures innumerable, and acted as Dressers, Clerks, and what not; and unless these certificates are complete, we are not admissible to examination, and not in any case till the expiration of four years of study."

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"MANY of you will say that this does not affect you in the least, as, at any rate, you cannot Register for more than two years. Well, at least, it will give you a goal to work for, and a certainty of a definite recognition of what you have done at the end of your term of studentship, not only here, but anywhere you may go afterwards. Let me recommend you all to consider most carefully the advisability of joining the Association, and I will, in conjunction with Sister Henrietta, open correspondence with the Association, and find out all the necessary information and what status we shall hold as foreign members in respect to voting, &c. Before I close this tedious address I must mention another Society started at Home for the benefit of Nurses—namely, the National Pension Fund for Nurses. This is by no means such a good Institution, being simply an insurance society, and not in any way giving a professional status."

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THE whole address is most interesting, not only as showing the keen interest taken in the Association so many thousand miles away, but also as evidence of the class of Nurses now at work, even in our most remote Colonies.

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I HEAR that, owing to the difficulty of even thoroughly-trained Nurses obtaining the posts of Sisters or Matrons without a good knowledge of housekeeping and domestic management, the Matron of a London Hospital is arranging that her most promising Probationers, when they have gained their Certificate, after three years' experience in Nursing, shall spend a certain number of months in the Nursing Home, to learn Hospital housekeeping and the management of servants; and also a period in the linen room, where they will be taught to cut out the necessary articles of clothing for the patients' use in the Wards, and

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