

WE are pleased to observe that the resolutions have been printed *verbatim* in the medical papers of last week. The *Lancet* observing that—

“We have nothing but congratulations for this very proper step, by which the council has protected the public by obviating the possibility of the members trading improperly upon their membership.”

THE proposal to have badges for the Co-operation Nursing Staff (8, New Cavendish Street) was carried by 187 votes. The Committee therefore passed the proposition, but have decided that the wearing of badges shall be an optional matter. The cost of the badge, which is of a very effective design, is 4s. 10d. Each badge is numbered, and must be returned if a Nurse leaves the Staff, in which case the 4s. 10d. will be refunded to her.

THE DUCHESS OF PORTLAND has promised to open the new Nurses' Residential Club, at 17, Nottingham Place, W., on December 6th, at three o'clock.

THE Nurses of the Edinburgh District Home, in connection with Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, have, during the month of October, undertaken 239 new cases in Edinburgh and in Leith, and have paid 4,712 visits to the sick poor in their homes. At the beginning of the month 186 cases were on the books, and at the close, 218.

HUGHES—WORTHINGTON.—On the 16th inst., at Dunham Road Chapel, Altrincham, by the Rev. Jeffery Worthington, B.A., of Taunton, uncle of the bride, Charles Hughes, eldest son of the late William Hughes, of Manchester, to Susannah Margaret, only daughter of the late Henry Worthington, of Adelaide, South Australia.

MISS WORTHINGTON has been an active member of the R.B.N.A. for some years, and in reply to a telegram conveying good wishes on her wedding day from the Office, her beautiful bridal bouquet was sent to brighten the Reading Room at the Offices of the Association.

WE have not seen the American Nurses journal, *The Trained Nurse*, for some time, and must congratulate its talented editor, Miss A. M. SUMNER, upon the growth and improvement of the journal. If we could suggest still further improvement in its conduct it would be the adoption of a definite professional policy for our American colleagues, but it must be borne in mind that trained nursing is of much younger growth in the States than at home; and that, therefore, *professional* matters have not yet quite advanced to our state of organization.

At the same time the American Nursing Schools begin on a more advanced level than we did at

home, and, therefore, have not the same amount of prejudice and abuses to combat, and they are, in consequence, making most rapid strides in every department of progress.

On the subject of *State* Registration of Nurses, the opinion of American Superintendents is still in embryo, but once they grasp its importance, they will press it rapidly to the front in nursing politics. We do not doubt the following remarks of a New York Superintendent, who lately visited some of our leading hospitals in London, will prove that she still confounds the private salary lists, records of training, and lengths of service, recorded in private official columns, which are kept by the Matrons of our training schools, of those Nurses in the service of the hospital, with a *public State recognised Register*.

“We took up volume after volume of accurately kept books, private Nurses, Probationers and Staff Nurses and Sisters. There they all were, names, work, wages, and length of service.

“But you seem to have carried out registration pretty thoroughly yourself?” exclaimed our companion. “Certainly, ever since the first establishment of our training school.”

Therefore, some ten or a dozen years ago, one English matron, at any rate, had conceived and executed an elaborate and satisfactory record of her Nurses and their work—and if all hospital Superintendents had followed her example such an unnecessary scheme as a general register for all classes of Nurses would hardly have ever been talked of.”

THE correspondence in the *Trained Nurse* is very instructive, and the Nurses are now expressing very strongly their desire for a National Badge, and we opine that a professional association of American Nurses, somewhat after the lines of our own R.B.N.A., will soon spring into life, as the following letter foreshadows:—

“DEAR EDITOR,—It is a good thing to agitate this matter of a national badge for Nurses. It is well the profession is being roused to the fact that in some way they must own allegiance to each other. The school pin does very well in its place, but it seems to give the wearer the impression that no other school pin is so good. Loyalty to your school is proper, but when carried to the extent it is by some Nurses, it is purely ignorant bigotry.

“The great need of the Nurses at the present time is a National Association, an organisation which would receive into membership Nurses from all schools in good standing. This society could have its own pin or badge, which should be small and neat in design, and not patterned after some of these cart-wheel designs.

“It would not be necessary to go outside our profession to secure a design, as has been suggested in this department. The pin or button should be emblematic of our work and should be designed by a worker. A national pin would be very good, but a national organisation would be far superior. Let thinking, working nurses take hold of this matter, and not wait for our nurses of ten years hence to organise to reap its benefits—and to wonder at our stupidity.—Yours fraternally, P. J. SMITH.

R. F. J. writes:—

“Nearly all professions have their associations, and meet once a year, or oftener, to discuss all matters pertaining

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