

pital, Dublin, Staff Nurse and Night Superintendent at the Dublin Hospital, and has for the last six years been Matron of Her Majesty's Hospital at Stepney, which is in connection with Dr. Barnado's great work in the East End of London. Miss Warburton holds the diploma of the London Obstetrical Society.

Miss Katherine Scott has been appointed Matron of the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton. She was trained at the Sussex County Hospital, and obtained a certificate from 1888 to 1894. For the past twelve months she has been Matron of the Cottage Hospital at Hove. Miss Scott is a Registered Nurse, and a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association. She is a relative of the late Matron.

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WE would specially draw the attention of our readers to the Editorial article in this week's issue, as it is desirable that they should be fully acquainted with important matters now under discussion, concerning the procedure of business in the Royal British Nurses' Association.

It will be learnt with deep regret by all the pioneers of the Royal British Nurses' Association that Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of our premier Royal Hospital, St. Bartholomew's, has withdrawn her name from the Executive Committee and all Sub-Committees of the Association. Miss Stewart was one of the half-dozen Matrons who attended the first meeting at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, in 1887, at which it was proposed to form a British Nurses' Association, for the co-operation of Nurses for their own assistance and welfare. For the past eight years, Miss Isla Stewart has worked with the utmost sympathy and devotion for the principles for which the Association was founded, and her withdrawal from active participation in its affairs is a great loss to the Nurses, and a blow to the prestige of the Royal British Nurses' Association which it will be difficult to minimise.

Miss Isla Stewart has the satisfaction of knowing that during the acute controversy relative to the legal rights of the members last summer, she acted throughout in the most conciliatory manner; therefore her retirement is the more significant. It is to be hoped that the reasons which have actuated this step on her part will be fully explained at the General Meeting on the 28th inst.

Several interesting points were touched on at the Conference between the British Medical Association and Nursing delegates on the 14th inst. For instance, Miss Wedgewood, Lady Superintendent of the Royal Free Hospital, had been deputed to attend by the Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and in that capacity stated that State Registration was unnecessary, as all Nurses could place their names, after three years' training in a Hospital, on the Register of the Association. It was, therefore, their own fault if they remained unregistered.

Miss Wedgewood did not, however, contradict the important fact, brought out previously by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, that several of the largest Training Institutions in London and elsewhere, by utilising Probationers in their second year as private Nurses, knowingly deprived these Nurses of the necessary qualification exacted by the Royal British Nurses' Association, viz., three years training in the wards of a Hospital. The chief argument in favour of State Registration is that a minimum qualification of training and examination, enforced by a Bill, would compel these Institutions to deal justly with their employées and the public.

In voting against State Registration for Nurses, Miss Wedgewood cannot claim to represent the opinion of the Corporation as the members have never been consulted in the matter, and no authority has been given to any Delegate either in the Executive Committee or Council to adopt this line of policy. Of course Miss Wedgewood's own personal opinion on this question will carry the exact amount of influence it deserves.

THE Editor begs to thank those of her readers who have kindly consented to help with the forthcoming Exhibition of Nursing Appliances. After the 21st inst. the plans will be somewhat matured, and the Sub-Committee will begin active work.

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