

It was ultimately proposed and carried, "That as soon as any Bill dealing with the registration of midwives is printed a special meeting of the Parliamentary Bills' Committee be called to consider what steps should be taken in opposition to such Bill."

So that the old Bill will not be introduced into the House this Session.

At a recent meeting of the Council of the British Medical Association held in London, the following resolution was passed, and it was resolved that copies be sent to the President of the Obstetrical Society of London, the Secretary of St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, and the manager of the Southern Hospital for Women, and to any others whom it might concern.

"Resolved: That this Council, while approving of the training of midwifery nurses, disapproves of the action of those members of the British Medical Association who lecture on midwifery to women who have not been trained in the wards of a lying-in hospital, with a view to the granting of diplomas representing the holders to be competent to practise midwifery. This Council also disapproves of advertising lectures in the lay Press."

In this connection it is interesting to recall the fact that the Matrons' Council forwarded a resolution last year to the London Obstetrical Society, urging upon it the desirability of requiring evidence of general training in nursing in candidates for their certificate. It is to be regretted that this Society, which certifies women with a few weeks' training in midwifery, refused to consider this question, which is of such vital importance to the poor.

At the January Examination of Pupil Midwives by the Obstetrical Society of London, no fewer than 198 were passed. As each of these midwives pays a fee of one guinea, this society is making at the rate of £800 a year in examination fees. It would be extremely interesting to learn how many of these certificated midwives are efficiently trained nurses, and how many are merely women who have taken out a few weeks instruction in midwifery, and are, therefore, in our opinion, sources of danger to the poor lying-in women.

Lady Curzon, wife of the Viceroy of India, has issued a personal appeal for money to form a Victoria scholarship in connection with the Dufferin funds for training native midwives to work solely in zenanas in the outlying districts of our Indian Empire.

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THE Queen's Nurses working in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales united to send a wreath to Osborne in memory of their beloved Queen, the founder of the Institute. The wreath was an oval, about 3ft. by 4ft., of dark violets, with sprays of lighter Neapolitan violets, and clusters of lilies of the valley. It bore the following inscription: "With deepest sorrow and most devoted loyalty, from the Queen's Nurses throughout England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales."

At a meeting of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, held on January 30th, the following resolution to His Majesty the King was adopted:

"The Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, which was founded by her late Most Gracious Majesty The Queen, for the nursing of the sick poor in their own homes humbly desire, on their own behalf as well as on that of the Associations affiliated with the Institute throughout the United Kingdom, and of the Queen's Nurses, to express their most profound grief on the occasion of the great sorrow which has fallen upon Your Majesty and the Royal Family.

"The Council have frequent opportunities of knowing how gratefully the sick poor appreciate the gracious sympathy for them which led to the foundation of the Institute, and venture, therefore, to associate them also in this expression of most respectful condolence which is humbly tendered to Your Majesty and Queen Alexandra."

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The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses are indeed taking time by the forelock. A list of five candidates nominated by the Executive Committee, as suitable delegates to attend the Nurses Congress at Buffalo, has been sent round to members, with an explanatory letter from the president, Miss Isla Stewart, so that the delegate chosen will be appointed in the most approved manner by the vote of the majority of the members, now nearly 400 strong.

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It was arranged at a meeting of the Committee of the Registered Nurses Society, on

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