

gress interest so entirely pleasant as to leave a lasting impression on those who shared it.

The Congress brought clearly before the minds of all who were privileged to take part in it, that throughout the nursing world the same trials, the same difficulties, the same opposition both from within and without meet those who are engaged in the work of nursing organization and nursing reform; but your delegate brought away from the Congress one clear impression, that was that by organization, by unity, by education and sustained effort, many of those difficulties, much of that opposition was being overcome. Many of our plans and projects for improving and furthering the advancement of the nursing profession are tentative and some hopeless and unsuitable; but steady progress is visible everywhere, and there is little doubt in the mind of your delegate as to the enormous value of the Congress just held in furthering the true interests of the Nursing Profession. It has affirmed with no uncertain voice the great principles in favour of which we are all united.

I. Government of the Nursing Profession by Nurses in professional matters.

II. The three years' minimum curriculum of training.

III. The State registration of the legally trained nurse.

On the motion of the Chair, seconded by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick a vote of thanks to Miss Mollett for her able report, and for the manner in which she had represented the Council at the Congress was carried by acclamation.

*(To be continued.)*

In our next issue we shall publish the report by Miss Hay Forbes of the meeting of the National Council of Women, the Report by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick on a meeting convened by the Women's Local Government Society, and a motion proposed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick on the Licensing of Midwives by unprofessional Boards composed of men, and the discussion thereon.

## No Sex in Medicine

The governors of Macclesfield Infirmary had a long conference on Tuesday afternoon with the six honorary medical officers who resigned last week in consequence of the appointment by the governors of Miss Murdoch Clarke, of Glasgow, to be junior house surgeon. The medical men stated that they would withdraw their resignations on condition that Miss Clarke's appointment be terminated in a month, and that in future the governors be guided in medical appointments by the honorary staff. The governors declined to accept these conditions, and the doctors thereon left the room.

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An official communication from the Colonial Office announces that the High Commissioner for South Africa desires to make it known that no vacancies for nursing sisters are now open in the South African Constabulary.

How unjust is the system in the management of Poor Law Infirmaries of permitting the Medical Superintendent to report matters in the Matron's department to the Board, has been proved over and over again, but the fortnightly attacks upon Miss Julian—the Matron of the Croydon Infirmary, become intolerable when we realise that the "go between" is a bitter personal enemy, who has left no stone unturned to accomplish her humiliation and discharge, since she resisted the dictates of his imperious will. Should this courageous woman be ultimately persecuted out of her position, we shall have more to say on this gross miscarriage of justice.

We notice that the Chelsea Guardians, at their last meeting, discussed a recommendation of the General Committee that the sanction of the Local Government Board be asked for the training of three probationers in the lying-in wards of the workhouse. An amendment to adjourn the consideration of the question for three months was ultimately carried, some of the Guardians fearing that the scheme would cause additional expense to the ratepayers, a fear which caused one member of the board to "enter a solemn protest on behalf of those who sent him there."

The question of expense, does not, however, represent the whole of the issues involved. The Chelsea Guardians maintain a training school for nurses, and it is becoming increasingly evident that a nursing education cannot be considered complete unless it includes education in maternity nursing. If the Guardians offer this training to probationers they will undoubtedly increase the prestige of their school, and thus attract the most desirable class of candidates, while nurses from other schools might well be asked to pay for the training they receive.

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