

Compulsory Registration of Trained Nurses as its sole object? Personally, she was inclined to think that there would be less confusion in the minds of those willing to support a movement for Registration, if they could join a Society having this one aim. She thought there were many nurses who would welcome its formation. In America nurses had found it necessary to organise for legislative purposes only, and she did not think we should get much further forward until we did the same.

Miss Huxley, Miss Poole, and Miss Marquardt having supported Mrs. Fenwick's proposition of a separate Society, the principle of its formation was accepted, and it was decided to call a meeting of the Registration Sub-Committee to consider its organisation.

THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.

Attention was drawn to the fact that a Departmental Committee on the Nursing of the Sick Poor in Workhouse Infirmaries has been appointed by the President of the Local Government Board, and the statement noted that Mr. Long is wishful that the enquiry should be as exhaustive as possible, and be the means of obtaining the most valuable expert evidence. The Committee have already commenced their sittings at Whitehall, and the proceedings will be private. Offers of evidence bearing on the subject by those in a position to give it, will be appreciated. The Meeting then terminated.

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Canadian Nurses Co-operate.

Discussions on the Private Nursing question at the Congress brought out the fact that American and Canadian nurses had not formed themselves into Co-operations for mutual benefit and convenience on the very sensible and cheap lines adopted by many private nurses in London. It is interesting to learn, therefore, that the graduate nurses of Toronto lately held a meeting at the Rosebery Nurses' Club, and formed the Toronto Graduate Nurses' Registry, the object of which is to provide a central place where doctors and others requiring the services of a trained nurse may obtain such without applying at numerous addresses. Special nurses may be communicated with through the registry. A number of nurses have already registered, all of whom are graduates of training schools of good standing. The registry office is 110, Carlton Street.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught have accorded their patronage to the Hospital for Women, Soho Square.

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The women's memorial for Queen Victoria, which is taking the form of an endowment of the Jubilee Institute for Nurses, is making good progress. At a meeting of the Executive Committee recently held at the Mansion House, the secretary reported that already £25,000 had been contributed or promised. The committee were sanguine of getting at least £40,000 or £50,000, and they would even like to equal the £70,000 given by the women of the empire to the Queen at the Jubilee. It was also reported that nine-tenths of the counties were now organised for obtaining contributions, and the organisation of the others would follow. Even the women of the Gold Coast had sent their cheque to the Memorial Fund.

We hear quite a sensation was caused at one of the Dover Street Women's Clubs last week, when one of the lady members read a paper—a regular onslaught on the modern nurse—and was warmly encouraged in her attack by the floor thumping, and "Hear, hear" of the ladies present.

Mr. Sydney Holland, who is a member of the Club, hotly repudiated the insinuation that private nurses were aught short of absolute perfection, and "went for" the reader of the paper in great style.

Miss Isla Stewart came to the rescue with some sound common sense, and pointed out that all nurses, good, bad, and indifferent, were confounded together, and that until justice was done and the well-trained, efficient and trustworthy nurses were protected by State Registration, from association with women ill-trained and of disreputable character, the public would remain at the mercy of women who had no right to pose as trained nurses. It is to be hoped that when the new Association for the State Registration of Trained Nurses gets to work, it will place the whole question plainly before the Women's Clubs all over the country, and elicit their help and support for the movement, of such vital importance to the body politic.

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