

## Society for the State Registration of Nurses.

The Registration Committee of the Matrons' Council met on the 21st ult., and came to the following conclusions in reference to the preliminary organization of a Society for the State Registration of Nurses.

1. That trained nurses of three years' experience who desire State Registration shall be eligible for membership.
2. That it is desirable that one hundred nurses shall signify their desire to join the Society before forming the Committee and appointing officers, and that when one hundred members have been enrolled a meeting will be called in London and the work actively begun.
3. With the object of arousing the interest of nurses in the movement and of presenting trained nurses' views to the public, that Local Secretaries shall be at once appointed.
4. That as the State Registration of trained nurses is a great public question, and effective organization necessitates considerable expense, it is not just that the whole financial burden of carrying through this reform should be borne by nurses—therefore the public, whose interests are vitally at stake, may reasonably be invited to assist.

5. That the formation of the Society should be announced in the NURSING RECORD, and that other organs interested in the work should be invited to support the movement.

6. That forms of application for membership should be circulated at once.

### FIRST DUTY OF LOCAL SECRETARIES.

1. To acquaint trained nurses with the object of the Society, the value of obtaining legal status for nurses and thereby organizing a liberal profession of Nursing.

### FUTURE DUTIES.

2. To bring the question before influential people in the district and county.
3. To interest members of Parliament in the need for State Registration of Nurses.
4. To organize public meetings on the question.

### TO OUR NURSE READERS.

When we started the British Nurses' Association in 1889 to gain legal status for trained nurses, so earnest was the interest of nurses in the question that by one post alone we remember receiving eighty applications for membership! Now we just hope that there is the same lively interest in the question, in spite of the opposition to the reform, and the betrayal of the principle by the present managers of the R.B.N.A.

What we should thoroughly enjoy would be to

receive the applications of the First Hundred members to the new Society by one post, but if this is too much to hope, any way, let us prove our conscientious convictions by joining by the *very first post possible*.

The Form of Membership will be found on page v. in our advertising columns. Please read carefully, fill it in, sign, and enclose 2s. 6d., as nothing can be done without the sinews of war; cut out, and address to Hon. Secretary, Society for State Registration of Nurses, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.

We have pleasure in announcing that Miss Poole, Matron, Blackburn Infirmary, Lancashire, has consented to act as Local Secretary for the county of Lancashire, excluding the large cities such as Liverpool, Manchester, etc., where there are so many nurses that each will require its own Local Secretary to cope with the work.

Miss Annie Barling, Matron of the Kidderminster Infirmary, will be Local Secretary for Worcestershire, and no one could be better.

Mrs. Groves, a member of the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses, has come forward to work Gloucestershire. We welcome her.

So please, First Hundred, hurry up!

## Testimonial to Miss Kitching.

On the resignation of Miss R. A. Kitching, Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Wallingford, after fifteen years' devoted service, a subscription has been raised, contributed to by ninety-four persons, to present her with a testimonial in recognition of her work. The gift took the form of a handsome silver tea-pot, together with a purse containing over £50. The teapot was recently on view at a committee meeting of the institution, and it was agreed to forward it to Miss Kitching with a letter of thanks for the services which she had rendered the hospital.

## The Passing Bell.

The death of Miss Georgina H. Sked, the Sister-in-Charge of the Walsall Cottage Hospital, at the early age of thirty-seven, has caused widespread regret. She was only ill for four days, her illness being pneumonia complicated by serious heart symptoms, and death speedily supervened. Miss Sked was trained at the Liverpool Royal Infirmary, and formerly held the position of Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Isle of Wight. She was appointed Sister-in-Charge of the Walsall Cottage Hospital in February of last year.

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