

A second Meeting would be called for 3.30 on the same day, at which Addresses would be delivered on the important work which the Society has been formed to undertake, and for which tickets will be obtainable by the public interested in the question upon application. Full particulars of the Meetings will be published later on.

THE INTERESTS OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION AND THE PUBLIC.

Information was before the Meeting that many members of the Medical Profession were in sympathy with the movement, and it was recognised that their moral support was invaluable, but that the only dignified position for the Medical Profession to take in the organization of Nursing was to voice their valuable opinions and advice officially through their own professional societies. Such opinions and advice would always receive grateful appreciation from well-trained Nurses. It was generally felt that experience had proved that personal co-operation in one Society of the members of the associated, and yet distinct, professions of Medicine and Nursing had resulted in a loss of dignity to both, and consequent depreciation of both in the estimation of the public. It was therefore hoped that influential medical Societies might think fit to take into consideration the Organization of Nursing as a Profession, and thus not only be willing to give Nurses the benefit of their advice, but also be prepared to consider questions relating to nursing matters, upon which Societies of experienced Nurses may desire to consult them.

It was also recognised that efficient nursing is a question which vitally concerns all classes of the public, and that it must be the aim of the Society to interest the thoughtful members of the public in this important question of Nursing organization, which includes the professional education of Nurses, and their subsequent status and control. It is indisputable that the majority of Training-School managers have not studied nursing from a professional standpoint, nor have they realised the importance of helping nurses to define a uniform curriculum of education, and standard of certification.

The Committee decided to issue a preliminary leaflet emphasising the necessity for State Registration of Nurses, and considered suggestions for the same. It was decided to issue a more comprehensive pamphlet on the subject later on.

Miss L. Gaved-Wills, Sister, West London Hospital, Hammersmith, was trained and certificated at the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth, and not at the West London, as stated by a printer's error in our issue of the 15th inst.

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Hon. Sec., *pro. tem.*

The American Nursing World.

The Bellevue Training School for Nurses, New York, which is a beneficiary under the will just probated of Mrs. Virginia R. Osborn, was the pioneer in trained nursing in the United States. It was founded, in the face of strong opposition, in 1873, Mrs. Osborn being one of the most active forces in its establishment.

In 1877 Mrs. Osborn built the house that her will has just given to the school, arranging it with special adaptation to its needs. The exterior is highly attractive in its dignified simplicity, and the impression is deepened on entering. The door is in the middle, in Colonial style, and on the left side of the generously proportioned hall is a sitting room, in which an entire "apartment" of ordinary size might easily be put. With its grand piano, its fine engravings, its old fashioned but handsome furniture, the sitting room is full of delightful suggestions of restful hours, after hard work well done.

On the other side is a spacious dining room, the appointments of which are those of a refined home, for the women who come there to study are accustomed to the refinements of life.

Upstairs are the sleeping and such other rooms as are necessary for the comfort of the residents. In all, the atmosphere of home is noticeable. The simple furnishings are invariably tasteful and appropriate, and each occupant, whether pupil or resident nurse, adds such touches of individual adornment as she desires.

Between twenty and thirty nurses are graduated every year, the course of study being two years. Last year there were more than eighteen hundred applications for admission to the school.

A graduate of the school has organised a training school for nurses in Cuba under Major Greble, the Cuban commissioner of charities. Another, who went to Cuba under the Cuban Orphan Society, has established a hospital and training school. Several of the graduates are in the Philippines, and in nearly every State in the Union the school is represented by graduates who fill important positions.

Miss Agnes Brennan, the Superintendent of Nurses at Bellevue, endeared herself to every Congress delegate who visited New York, by her charming hospitality. A specially graceful act on her part was the presentation of baskets of gorgeous fruits upon speeding the parting guests on board the steamers.

In the latest issue of the *Journal of the Association of Military Surgeons*, published in the United States, appears a report on our military medical establishments, by Dr. John Stewart

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