

**Registration in the United States.**

The New York State Nurses' Association held its regular quarterly meeting at the Academy of Medicine in New York City on January 20th, and the attendance at both sessions was very large. The time was largely spent in discussing the Bill for the State Registration of Nurses and measures for successful legislation.

The opening address was made by Mrs. Cadwallader Jones, who has for many years been identified with training-school work as a member of the Board of Directors of the New York City Training-School on Blackwell's Island, and has been actively interested in the movement for State Registration. It was through her intercession that the late Abram S. Hewitt signed the petition signifying his approval of the Bill, and she explained that this was undoubtedly his last act in support of a public measure, and that he was a man who never was known to endorse a measure unless he sincerely believed in it.

The morning session was devoted to the reports of standing committees, that of Miss Allerton, chairman of the Legislative Committee, being most important. Miss Allerton stated that the Bill was now in the hands of Senator Armstrong, who would present it within a few weeks, and she urged upon the nurses the necessity of individual work in seeing to it that the members of the Legislature from their home districts were informed in regard to the purport of the Bill, and urged to vote for it.

The afternoon session opened with an address by Dr. Janeway, who expressed his cordial approval of the Registration movement, and he emphasised the greater value of the measure from the fact that it was an independent action on the part of nurses for the protection of the public and the medical profession. Dr. Janeway reminded the nurses that every new movement received opposition at first, and referred to the early days of trained nursing, when the most enlightened medical men objected to trained nurses. Dr. William Sands Mills spoke briefly but strongly in support of the Bill. Later, it was shown that hundreds of medical men throughout the State had endorsed the petition in support of the Bill, hardly a name of any note being missing from the list.

It was reported by the chairman of the Committee on Publication and Press that eighty-seven letters to medical societies and ninety-two letters to women's clubs had been sent out asking for the endorsement of the movement for Registration, and that the replies, which were still coming in, had all been favourable.

Arrangements are being made for a mass meeting to be held in Faneuil Hall, Boston, on February 26th, to consider the organisation of a society to promote registration of nurses in Massachusetts.

**The Glasgow and West of Scotland Nurses' Co-operation.**

A special general meeting of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Nurses' Co-operation is to be held in the Religious Institution Rooms, 200, Buchanan Street, Glasgow, on Monday, February 23rd, at 12 o'clock noon, to consider, and, if so resolved, to adopt, the proposed Constitution, to which we have alluded at length in two past issues.

We are of opinion that, owing to the action of the Executive Committee in demanding apologies from the nurse-members for exercising their indisputable right to vote according as they thought fit at the recent meeting, when they referred the proposed Constitution back for further consideration, all voting at the forthcoming meeting should be by ballot. By this means alone can the nurse-members vote as reason demands, without incurring the displeasure of the autocratic Executive and imperilling their future prospects.

The conduct of business of the Executive of the Glasgow Nurses' Co-operation is identically that adopted by the Hon. Officers of the Royal British Nurses' Association, when they determined to acquire absolute power in the Nurses' Association, by revising the By-laws and depriving the nurses of powers and privileges they enjoyed under the first set of By-laws sanctioned by the Privy Council.

Those who were present at the special general meeting of the R.B.N.A., on December 17th, 1897, when it was proposed "that the proposed new By-laws appended hereto be approved," with the intention of thrusting them through *en bloc* without consideration *seriatim*, and remember the partial conduct of the chairman, will sincerely sympathise with the members of the Glasgow Nurses' Co-operation that they should be subjected to the same unjustifiable conduct of business.

We hope, however, that there will be some amongst them who will not submit to the adoption of the new Constitution, or allow their rightful professional liberties to be submerged without a protest, for their own sakes, and for the sake of their profession at large.

**BE STRONG!**

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift.  
We have hard work to do and loads to lift;  
Shun not the struggle; face it. 'Tis God's gift.

**BE STRONG!**

It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong,  
How hard the battle goes, the day, how long,  
Faint not, fight on! To-morrow comes the song.

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