

Society for State Registration of Nurses. First Annual Meeting, 20, Hanover Square, 12 noon, Miss Louisa Stevenson presiding.

A Conjoint Conference, convened by the Matrons Council of Great Britain and Ireland and the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, at 20, Hanover Square, London, W., at 3 p.m., on

STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES AS IT AFFECTS THE COMMUNITY.

Address by Miss Louisa Stevenson, President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

*Educational Aspect.*

Registration as it affects General Hospitals.

Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Registration as it affects Poor Law Infirmaries.

Miss Eleanor C. Barton, Matron of the Chelsea Infirmary.

Registration as it affects Special Hospitals.

Mrs. Matthews, late Matron of the Grove Fever Hospital, Tooting.

*Professional Aspect.*

Registration as it affects the Graduate Nurse.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President International Council of Nurses.

Registration from the point of view of a State Registered Nurse.

Miss Janet Speed, Registered Nurse, under the provisions of the Act of Parliament of New Zealand, 1 Edward VII., No. 12.

Discussion.

*Resolutions.*

- 1.—“That in the opinion of this meeting the Legal Registration of Trained Nurses by Act of Parliament is a matter of urgent national importance, and that it is desirable to introduce a Bill with this object into the House of Commons.”

Proposed by Miss Rogers, Matron of the Leicester Infirmary.

Seconded by Miss Poole, Matron of the East Lancashire Infirmary, Blackburn.

- 2.—“That the Executive Committee be authorised to instruct Counsel to draft a Bill providing for the State Registration of Trained Nurses for discussion, and that it be submitted to Hospital Committees, Medical and Nursing Bodies, and Political Societies, inviting their consideration of its clauses.”

Proposed by Miss Mollett, Matron of the Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital.

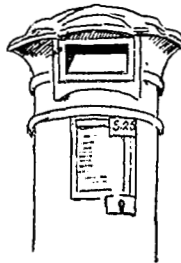
Seconded by Miss Margaret Breay, Hon. Secretary, Matrons' Council.

- 3.—“That a Parliamentary Bills Committee be appointed upon the nomination of the Executive Committee to deal with the matter.”

Proposed by Miss Macintyre, Matron of the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan.

Seconded by Miss Polden, Matron of the Royal United Hospital, Bath.

May 11th to 16th.—A Chance for Collectors. Sale of Genuine Old Bric-à-brac, 16, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, W. (*The Rooms of the Photographic Association*), 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.



## Letters to the Editor.

### NOTES, QUERIES, &c.

*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

### OUR GUINEA PRIZE.

*To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."*

Miss L. Attree begs to acknowledge receipt of One Guinea for the Puzzle Prize for March, with many thanks.

8, Richmond Terrace, Brighton.

### NURSING ORGANISATION.

*To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."*

DEAR MADAM,—In relation to the interesting scheme put forward by Mr. Douglas Bryan for the organisation of nursing may I make one suggestion which occurs to me, which is that the division of Training-schools into Major and Minor is undesirable. In the first place, such a distinction seems to me inadvisable, because, unless a school can prove to the satisfaction of the Central Nursing Board that it is qualified to conform to the educational requirements of the Board it should not be recognised at all; and, if it does fulfil the requirements of the Board, then why describe it as Minor? Again, I fear all the schools which are so described would be up in arms at once, for what institution would consent to describe itself as a Minor Training-school? What medical school, for instance, would get any students if it described itself as Minor? But, as Mr. Bryan truly says, it is easy to pull to pieces, it is less easy to propose a satisfactory working scheme. It seems to me that the difficulty might be got over by the merging of the "assisting" schools in the main one.

For instance, suppose a general hospital otherwise qualified to rank as a training-school does not take in cases of enteric fever. Yet, if it can show the Nursing Board that it has an agreement with an infectious hospital whereby its pupils can obtain the requisite experience in the nursing of enteric, then it should rank as a training-school. If it could be arranged by the Committees of the two institutions that the Matron of the special hospital should be selected from amongst the graduates of the training-school a greater continuity in the education of pupils would be obtained than would otherwise be possible.

Such an arrangement would be beneficial in various ways. It would stimulate hospitals which at present give an imperfect training to affiliate with other institutions in order to qualify as training-schools, and various hospitals which do much excellent work, which is yet of too partial a nature to admit of their giving a certificate of value to their pupils, would have a defined place in the educational scheme, besides which the patients would be better cared for by a nursing service organised as proposed; and, lastly, pupil nurses would receive a comprehensive education.

Let us, then, have training-schools so organised, but

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