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DRAFT BILL.

The Committee then considered the Draft Bill for the Registration of Trained Nurses clause by clause, and, after alterations and the insertion of new clauses, directed the Hon. Secretary to have it set up in its corrected form for the consideration of the members in general meeting assembled, prior to submitting it for consideration and suggestions to medical and nursing associations and nurse-training schools.

GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS.

It was decided that a general meeting of members to consider the Draft Bill should be called in London, on the afternoon of Saturday, November 28th next.

The meeting then terminated.

The Activity of Matrons.

From the United States comes a splendid report of the Tenth Annual Convention of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, sent by the Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Adelaide Nutting, which we regret we are compelled to hold over till next week. We congratulate the Society on its new President, Miss Georgia M. Nevins, of Garfield Hospital, Washington. Again, from Germany comes a most inspiring address by Sister Clementine von Wallmenich, Matron of the Bavarian Association of the Red Cross, which we hope to publish shortly. Both show that Superintendents of Nursing in countries far apart are alive to the responsibilities and powers of their positions.

The Passing Bell.

We regret to record the death, reported by cable from China, of Miss Florence Wastrell Lamb, a nurse who held the three years' certificate of Guy's Hospital, and who, since 1901, has been working in connection with the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society at the Hospital, Lo-Nquong, China. Miss Lamb's death deprives the Society of a most promising and successful worker, whose quiet power and womanly qualities won the esteem and confidence of all with whom she came in contact. To Miss Lamb's father, the Vicar of Clapham, Yorkshire, we offer our sincere sympathy in his sad bereavement.

Nursing Echoes.

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The Annual Conference of the National Union of Women Workers opens at Cheltenham on the 3rd prox. Papers of interest to nurses on "The Training of Midwives, and the Organisation of their Work in Rural Districts," will be presented by Miss Wilson, of the Central Midwives' Board, and Miss Alice Gregory, of London. Miss Amy Hughes will take part in the discussion. "The Management of Infirmaries in Country Workhouses" is also a question down for discussion; it presents many difficulties, and it is to be hoped some practical suggestions for their better organisation may be brought forward. "Public Health and Sanitary Authorities in Relation to the Rural Population" is also a subject of vital interest to the community, and one on which women may give some sound advice.

Speaking last Saturday at a political meeting at Guildford, Mr. Brodrick, late Secretary of State for War, defended his conduct of the business of this department. He alluded to the work of remodelling the Army Medical Department, and said it was now the finest in the world. He also stated that they had dealt in a similar spirit with the Nursing Service. It must ever be recorded to the credit of Mr. Brodrick that he permitted trained nurses to officially express their expert opinions about their own affairs at the War Office—a quite unprecedented action upon the part of a War Secretary.

In another speech Mr. Brodrick expressed the hope that in the near future there would come into existence a Medical Reserve versed in military requirements which would be fit to supplement in war time the officers serving in the Army Medical Corps.

Let us hope that the Army Nursing Reserve will also be organised on principles which will fit its members to supplement the Regular Nursing Sisters and nurses now being so carefully selected and trained in their special duties under the new Regulations.

The *Daily Mail* is responsible for the statement that "Miss Agnes Keyser, who did such excellent

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