

As a result of the resolution proposed at the last meeting of the N.U.W.W. by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, all members of the affiliated societies are now members of the Union, so that it will be businesslike for those members of the Matrons' Council, the Royal British Nurses' Association, the Society for the State Registration of Nurses, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, the Registered Nurses' Society, the Midwives' Institute and Trained Nurses' Club, the Asylum Workers' Association, and the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses—all of which are now represented by delegates on the National Council of Women of this country—to notify Miss Janes of their intention to be present at the Congress at Berlin, so that they may be accorded their official positions and badges when they arrive. Communications should be sent to her at 9, Southampton Street, High Holborn, W.C.

The Congress is divided into four sections, and nursing will be discussed in the Professional Section on June 16th. On June 17th all the nurse delegates present in Berlin will be invited to take part in the meeting of the International Council of Nurses, and, if convenient, they will assemble at a banquet on the evening of that day, when the toasts will be proposed by the most eloquent of their number. As upwards of fifty nurses will attend the gathering from the United States, and a goodly number from this Kingdom, there is every prospect of "a feast of reason and a flow of soul."

Amongst the nurses who hope to go to Berlin are Miss Isla Stewart and Miss Jenkins (Sister Casualty)—who will represent the Bart's League instead of Sister Surgery—Miss Huxley, Miss Sandford, Miss Ross, Miss M. E. Jones, Miss Barton, Lady H. Blackwood, Miss Breay, Miss M. Burr—to represent St. John's House League. Anyone desirous of joining Miss Mollett's party of twenty-five should communicate with her at once, as there are already many anxious to do so, and twenty-five is the outside limit of the number to be personally conducted.

We can speak from personal experience: Miss Mollett is a delightful *conerone*. She is full of information and *joie de vivre*, and when one is away for a holiday one wants to be both instructed and amused.

What with manifestoes, memoranda, meetings, paragraphs, and deputations, the State Registration question is well to the front just now. We regret that we must defer this week the publication of the account of the interview of the Deputation from the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses with the Public Health Committee of the House of Commons, but we hope shortly to publish the memoranda presented on this occasion,

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Thursday, March 24th, at 4.30 p.m., Miss Isla Stewart in the chair.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the Hon. Secretary presented the following Report:—

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I beg to report that the Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, finally approved and adopted by the members of this Society on Saturday, January 23rd, was introduced into the House of Commons by Dr. Farquharson, M.P. for West Aberdeenshire, on Monday, February 15th. The Bill was influentially backed by the following Members of Parliament:—Sir Thomas Wrightson, Bart., Sir James Joicey, Bart., Sir John Batty Tuke, M.D., Right Hon. R. B. Haldane, K.C., Mr. Hugh Crawford Smith, J.P., Mr. R. C. Munro Ferguson, J.P., Mr. H. J. Tennant, Mr. Alexander W. Black, W.S., Mr. C. E. H. A. Colston, J.P., Mr. H. Trelawney Eve, K.C., and Dr. Thompson.

The Bill has been down for a second reading on several occasions, but has not been reached, as no place was secured in the ballot for discussing the Bill, and as it has been blocked by Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland, acting for the opposition, it cannot be discussed as non-contentious business after 12 o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

The Parliamentary Bills Committee of this Society has met three times—on February 19th and 25th, and on March 9th—and has been actively engaged in furthering the object of the Society. It has drawn up a memorandum on the nursing question to be used if necessary. The manifesto drawn up against Registration has been considered, and a reply drafted.

At the meeting on March 9th a resolution was adopted asking the Committee of Medical Members of the House of Commons to receive a deputation from this Society, to "invite its consideration of the appointment of a Select Committee of the House of Commons to inquire into the whole nursing question."

The Medical Committee expressed their willingness to receive the deputation, and the following ladies attended at the House of Commons on Tuesday, 22nd inst, and were introduced by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick:—The Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, Mrs. H. J. Tennant, Mrs. McKenzie Davidson, Miss Isla Stewart, Miss Barton, Miss Ross, and Miss H. L. Pearse.

Miss Isla Stewart presented a memorandum on the necessity for the organisation of trained nursing on a sound educational and industrial basis. Lady Helen Munro Ferguson spoke from the point of view of the public, and was supported by Mrs. H. J. Tennant. Mrs. McKenzie Davidson presented a resolution from the Executive Committee of the National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland supporting the demand for a Select Committee. The Hon. Secretary presented a resolution to the same effect from the Irish Nurses' Association. Miss Barton referred to the disastrous suggestion to certificate and create a "qualified nurse" after one

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