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Miss Isla Stewart, delegate Matrons' Council, and Miss M. Jenkins, delegate St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League, travel to Berlin by another route, and we hear of several other Matrons who intend to be present.

### Welcome to American Nurses.

A Committee of the following ladies are busy making arrangements to welcome our American colleagues during their flying visit to London, on their way to Berlin:—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Isla Stewart, Miss Peter, Miss Amy Hughes, Miss Mollett, Miss S. Cartwright, Miss Brea, and Mrs. Walter Spencer (acting as Secretary).

Miss Thornton and her party will be in London from June 4th to 7th, and on the first date they will be entertained to tea in the Great Hall at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, when they will see over England's oldest hospital, and visit the tomb of its immortal founder, Rahere.

On Monday, the 6th, members of the Entertainment Committee will accompany the party in char-à-bancs round the West End of London, so that they may see its glories at the height of the season, and also visit the finest of our buildings and monuments.

At 8 p.m. a gala dinner will be served for 100 guests in the Victoria Room at the Criterion, in honour of the American nurses, and Mrs. Spencer, 35, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, will be glad to give further information on the matter to those desirous of being present.

### The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

#### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Second Annual General Meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, which was attended by a hundred and twenty members, took place at 20, Hanover Square on Friday, May 13th. It was a great happiness that Miss Louisa Stevenson, the President, was in the chair, having come up from Edinburgh for the purpose.

A large number of letters were received from Members of Parliament, and from members all over the country whose duties prevented their being present. The absence of Miss Isla Stewart, owing to duty connected with her official position, was sincerely regretted, as she is recognised by trained nurses as one of their staunchest friends.

After the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, had read the notice convening the meeting, and the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, Miss Stevenson said:—

"It is one of the privileges of a President to ask others to speak instead of speaking, and I intend to avail myself of this privilege, as we have a great deal of business to get through, to hear what has happened since last year, and to listen to what new members have to say.

"I recognise, and am fully aware, of the professional, social, and political opposition with which we have to contend, but our cause is good, and we shall win the battle in the long run. I remember the struggle of women to obtain the right to qualify as medical practitioners, and the arguments used by the opposition then were precisely the same as those advanced now against the better education and registration of nurses. We were told over and over again that nobody wanted medical women, that they would never stand the strain of the work, and so on. But they were content to work on, and eventually won the day. I recognise that the memorial against Registration is signed by some of the leading physicians and surgeons, but I venture to suggest that these gentlemen do not come in contact with the evils arising from the lack of nursing organisation as do general practitioners. They employ a few experienced nurses, whose powers and limitations they know, but it is the public and the general practitioners who suffer from the half-trained or untrained nurse.

"The Matrons of the large hospitals are in much the same position. They do not come in contact with the abuses which exist; one could wish that they would give their imagination wing and look beyond the walls of their own hospitals, that they might be moved by impulses of patriotism, and consider not only what is good for their own family, but also what is requisite for the general welfare.

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