

window to the mothers, who dress them again. In this way the work can be put through very expeditiously. The bath is ordered by the physician. Some cases get plain and some salt hot baths. After all the baths are given the children are placed at a table and get their first prescribed dose of cod-liver oil or emulsion, and then their bowls of hot bread and milk.

The results are most satisfactory, and the nurses are enthusiastic over the work. The number of cases taken is limited by the money in hand, usually from fifteen to twenty-five cases in a day. With a larger income the society could enlarge its work greatly, as there is great demand among the poor mothers for this treatment, and many cases have to be put off.

L. L. Dock.

The 'Registered Nurses' Society.

ANNUAL MEETING.



The Registered Nurses' Society held its tenth Annual Meeting at the Offices, 431, Oxford Street, on Wednesday, July 20th, at which Dr. Bedford Fenwick took the chair. A very satisfactory report was presented. The audited accounts showed that a considerable increase of income had been made during the past year, in spite of the fact that work had not been so

plentiful for private nurses in London.

The earnings of the nurses who have been members throughout the past twelve months have varied from £126 1s. 6d. for 43½ weeks work, to £86 18s. for 28 weeks' work, the average being £87 12s. for an average of 36·7 weeks' work. As almost every member took eight weeks' holiday, and the average earnings of each of the above nurses per week was £2 8s., there is good reason to believe that no other nursing association can show more satisfactory figures. It was reported that 130 new medical practitioners have commenced to send to the Society for nurses.

Sisters Heather, McMahon, and Manley were elected members of the Committee in place of Sisters Lannowe, Dawes, and Fowler, who retired in rotation.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Hon. Superintendent, was elected the Delegate of the Society on to the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland.

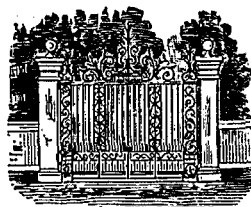
In referring to the fact that the Registered Nurses' Society had taken an active part in the demand for State Registration of Nurses, Mrs. Fenwick reported the encouraging condition of that movement, which was receiving the thoughtful attention of a Select Committee of the House of Commons.

Miss L. L. Dock, who was an invited guest, spoke earnestly to those present of the importance of individual effort upon the part of all private nurses, who were able to bring the question of Registration before many medical men and members of the public.

Votes of thanks having been accorded to the officers, Sister Cartwright presided over two magnificent family teapots and a dainty repast. The beautiful rooms were decorated with pale pink flowers, and looked very cool and inviting.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



There are quite a number of celebrated American women visiting London just now, amongst them Miss Susan B. Anthony, the great suffrage pioneer; Mrs. Chapman Catt, President of the International Suffrage Federation; the Rev. Anna Shand, and Miss L. L. Dock.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Fenwick Miller, one of our few great speakers and writers, had a cosy tea party at the new Lyceum Club, in Piccadilly, to meet these American stars.

It was a delightful little gathering. Miss Anthony and Mrs. Jacob Bright, whose splendid work for our sex few of the present generation can realise, sat side by side, two really grand old ladies, both as bright and fresh as girls in their teens. Miss Anthony told us of the tender messages she had sent to the Kaiser in Berlin through his amiable spouse, and of the bright replies the Empress had made to her sallies.

And then Mrs. Chapman Catt seems to think we may hope for the co-operation of the great International Societies, such as the Suffrage, Temperance, and Nurses' Federations. This is really a fine idea, and one we hope may take practical form ere long.

Mrs. Fenwick Miller looked very handsome in black, wearing a most becoming hat adorned with fruit, and her charming daughter gave round cups full of delicious tea (we so dislike the fashionable fad of half-filled cups) and dainty cakes.

The new club came in for great admiration; indeed, it promises a meeting ground for women who care for things more lasting than *chiffon*, and we were glad to observe the absence of the inevitable young man, who in the majority of women's clubs monopolises the cosy corners and smokes continuously in forbidden places.

Mrs. Alfred Lyttelton's play "Warp and Woof" has aroused immense interest in the industrial world, and Lady Frances Balfour's letter to the *Times*, in which she argues that less protective legislation would prevent sweating, is so extraordinary that it, of course, provoked many pungent replies. Amongst them Miss MacArthur writes:—"The very girls who privately send complaints of breaches of the law often refuse to publicly substantiate their statements."

Do we nurses not know what cowards over-work and injustice make of women? We find the Chairman of the London Hospital putting in as an argument against Registration of Nurses a document signed by upwards of 400 nurses in hospitals where their master and mistress—the Chairman and Matron—are known to be in bitter and unreasoning opposition to co-operation and legal status for their "servants." We wonder there are not 4,000 instead of 400 such signatures, as the whole professional future and livelihood of these nurses depend upon the caprice of these officials, than which nothing can be more unjust. Such signatures are not worth the paper they are written on.

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