

half the lessons she has taught by precept, and, far more persistently, by example, in the use of common sense, in unselfish devotion to duty, in care for the honour of the whole nursing profession, they ought to help to uplift the standard of nursing wherever they may go."

In 1903 the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League was formed, thus affording fresh evidence once again that anything that concerned the welfare not only of the pupils, but also of the certificated nurses of the school, has its Lady Superintendent's warm sympathy. She threw her whole heart and energy into the scheme for the formation of the League, for she felt that something was needed to form a bond of union amongst nurses, and to keep alive in those scattered far and wide an interest in matters affecting the nursing profession. The response to the invitation to join the newly-formed League exceeded all expectations, and at the close of its first year it numbered 122 members.

Miss Rogers' own personal share in public work in relation to the profession of which she is distinguished a member is shown by the positions which she holds of President of the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League, Councillor of the International Council of Nurses, Vice-President of the Matrons' Council and of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, as well as by her acceptance of office as Chairman of the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses. When she takes part in the discussions at meetings of these societies her remarks and suggestions are always of value, and bear evidence of the practical knowledge borne of long experience. Although she had but recently recovered from a somewhat severe illness, Miss Rogers travelled to Berlin last year to take part in the meetings of the International Council of Nurses and of the Women's Congress, and subsequently presented to the members of the Leicester League in its Journal one of the best Reports which have appeared of the proceedings of that eventful week.

We congratulate the Provisional Committee on securing so representative a nurse and Matron as its Chairman, and feel sure that Miss Rogers' acceptance of office will give widespread pleasure to all connected with it.

### English Hospital on the Riviera.

For many years the pressing need of a hospital for English-speaking patients, and especially one with proper accommodation for surgical and infectious cases, has been greatly felt on the Riviera. After the death of her late Majesty, it was decided at a general meeting held at Nice, under the presidency of the late Sir James Harris, K.C.V.O., that the most fitting local memorial to the late Queen would be a hospital for English-speaking patients of all creeds and nationalities. The project was decided on, and subscriptions were collected for the purpose all along the Riviera. The comparatively small sum of £5,000 will enable the Memorial Hospital to be completed, thoroughly equipped, and opened for patients free of debt, besides allowing a balance in hand. Once established, there should be no difficulty in providing for its maintenance, for, already, the nucleus of a permanent fund for the upkeep and current expenses has been subscribed and a further amount has been promised. The hospital cannot fail to be a great boon to many, and a happier memorial to the late Queen could scarcely have been conceived.

### Progress of State Registration.

#### AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT BOURNEMOUTH.

A most successful meeting was held on January 12th at Bournemouth, to consider the important question of State Registration of Nurses. The Havergal Hall, which holds upwards of 200 persons, was crowded to the doors, and the warmest interest evinced throughout the proceedings.

The principal speakers were the Chairman, Dr. Hyla Greves; Miss Amy Hughes, Superintendent, County Nursing Associations, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute; Miss Mollett, Matron Royal South Hants Hospital; Miss Hobbs, Secretary Royal British Nurses' Association; Miss Broad, Head Mistress of the Bournemouth High School; and the Mayor of Bournemouth.

Among those who took part in the proceedings or were among the audience were Drs. Frazer, Muspratt, Coles, Ross, Humphrey Davy, Gunton Turner, and Hassant, the Matrons of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Royal Boscombe Hospital, the Borough Sanitary Hospital, National Sanatorium, Hahnemann Home, Poole Hospital, Herbert Convalescent Home, The Firs Home, Victoria Nurses' Institute, Salisbury Nurses' Institute, Inglewood Private Nursing Home, Oswestra Nursing Home, and several other private nursing institutions.

Dr. Greves said: "The movement for the State Registration of nurses is one in which I take great interest. There are about 80,000 nurses scattered about all over the United Kingdom, and to parody a well-known quotation, 'Some are born nurses, some have nursing thrust upon them, and some achieve nursing.' Of the first class—the born nurses—one can only say that, like angels' visits, 'they are few and far between.' Of the second class, the less said the better; while the third class, those who achieve nursing, may be divided into many varying grades. After twenty-five years of practice, I have come to the conclusion that the present status of the nursing profession is anything but satisfactory; it is not satisfactory to the public, nor to the medical profession, nor to the nurses themselves. Within the last fifty years a new profession has arisen, a new race of nurses who have swept out of existence the 'Mrs. Gamp' of olden days, and this profession suffers from its disabilities. The time has come when organisation is necessary for the sake of the public, the doctors, and for the sake of the nurses themselves. In order that such organisation may be of real use, certain conditions are necessary. One of the present causes of the unsatisfactory state of the nursing profession is that there is no uniform standard by which the work of nurses can be gauged. There ought to be a minimum standard required of three years' training and the passing of an examination before an independent board. At the present time every hospital, large or

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