

From this short review it will be seen that the Danish Council of Nursing is active in a great many ways, but, nevertheless, it has many hopes and wishes for the future. A systematic training-school of its own is the favourite ambition of the Council, and will surely be realised in time. Until now the council has only been able to offer suggestions at some hospitals concerning improvements in the training department.

Though still far from having attained all their wishes and desires, the Sisters yet feel that their Association is a great help and support; they are no longer units, solitary workers at the mercy of circumstances, but begin to feel themselves a growing power, working for the common good—the better training and improved condition of all members.

### Progress of State Registration.

As announced in our last issue, a Sub-Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Nurses has been appointed to consider the Bill, and, if necessary, recommend any alteration which may be for the good of the measure. The Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, will, therefore, be obliged if any member of the Society wishing to make any suggestion will be good enough to do so in writing and forward it to her at the office, 431, Oxford Street, so that it may be brought to the consideration of the Sub-Committee. In so important a matter as framing a Bill for the Registration of Nurses too much publicity cannot be given to the matter in the nursing press, so that we may have the nurses themselves take an intelligent interest in a matter which concerns them so vitally.

A meeting is to be held this week in the Theatre of the Normal School, Toronto, Canada, when Miss L. L. Dock will speak on "State Registration at Home and Abroad." Mr. St. John, Speaker of the Provincial House, Mr. Irving Cameron, M.B., LL.D., and Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, the Secretary of the National Council of Women of Canada, will also address the meeting.

As Miss Dock had unique opportunities, both in England and Germany, of studying the Registration question, she will, no doubt, speak straight and from the book, and with that admirable taste and toleration for which she is famous.

The Graduate Nurses' Association of Ontario are busy framing their Registration Bill, and have high hopes of its becoming law at an early date. They have our heartiest good wishes.

#### A BILL DRAFTED IN TASMANIA.

A meeting, convened by Miss Milne, the Lady Superintendent of the General Hospital, Launceston, Tasmania, composed of medical men and nurses, was held at the Mechanics' Institute at Launceston, on September 6th, for the purpose of discussing the

proposed Bill providing for the State Registration of Trained Nurses in Tasmania. Amongst those present was Dr. L. G. Thompson, who presided.

The chairman explained that the idea of State Registration of Nurses was no new matter. It had been agitated for thirty years or so in England, where it was considered absolutely necessary that they should have some legislation dealing with the subject. The periods of apprenticeship at different hospitals were varied. Some nurses only served twelve months, others had to undergo a course of training for three years, and others, again, five years. It was, therefore, difficult to get the parties with different periods of service to agree to such a Bill. In 1901 a measure was passed in New Zealand, and the one before them was on similar lines. Other countries in the world were all agreed on State Registration. It did not seem the thing that any woman could put on a certain dress and style herself a nurse. The time had arrived when they should put a hall-mark on those who made a study of nursing. The great difficulty in bringing all parties into line was because all nurses were not certificated. Some provision had to be made in the Bill to give these people a chance of being registered. In this connection it was proposed that they should pass an elementary examination showing that they had some knowledge of nursing. He proposed that they pass a similar motion to that recently carried in London, viz.:—"That this meeting warmly supports the principle of State legislation for nurses."

Miss Milne seconded, and said everyone she had spoken to favoured the proposed Bill, and the motion was carried unanimously.

An interesting discussion took place, the provisions of the Bill, drafted on the lines of that now in force in New Zealand, were discussed seriatim, and the basis of sound legislation defined, and on the motion of the Chairman it was resolved and carried:—

"That this Bill, with the slight alterations made, be approved of by the meeting."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

The Bill will probably be placed in the hands of one of the Launceston representatives shortly, to bring before the House of Assembly.

We wish much success to the movement.

### The Matrons' Council.

The announcement that Miss Isla Stewart will read her paper on "The Twentieth Century Matron" before the Matrons' Council on November 2nd, and that Miss Mollett will open the discussion, is arousing much interest. Matrons and Trained Nurses who would like to be present should apply for tickets to Miss Breay, Hon. Secretary of the Council, 431, Oxford Street, W.

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