

Progress of State Registration.

At the last meeting of the Chester Division of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the British Medical Association the question of the Registration of trained nurses was considered, and the principle supported.

The Legislation Committee of the National Union of Women Workers—of which Lady Laura Ridding is convener, and Mrs. Ramsay Macdonald, Hon. Secretary—recently considered the question of the State Registration of Nurses, when Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was invited to explain the provisions of the Bill promoted by the Society for the State Registration of Nurses. A Resolution was passed approving of the Registration of Trained Nurses by the State, and the matter was referred to the Branches of the Union for their consideration.

The National Union of Women Workers includes in its membership the members of all the Nurses' Societies who are in favour of State Registration, and this action upon the part of the Legislation Committee, which is composed of many very able lay women, will give cordial satisfaction to trained nurses at large. Lady Roberts-Austen and Mrs. Mackenzie-Davidson, who are members of the Legislation Committee, have warmly supported the Nurses' cause throughout their appeal for professional organization, an educational standard and legal status. Real friends help in time of need, and we offer them our sincere gratitude.

We learn that Miss Forrest withdrew her resolution and protest from the Agenda of the General Council Meeting of the R.B.N.A. on Friday last, wisely coming to the conclusion that as this Council is carefully nominated by the Hon. Officers and Executive there was but faint chance of a fair hearing. Miss Forrest will give notice to bring the views of the protesting minority (which by-the-by contains the majority of the representative Matrons now members of the Association) before the Annual Meeting, when through the general Press publicity can be given to the matter. As the letters of nurse members who differ from Drs. Bezly Thorne and Comyns Berkeley are excluded by them from the official organ of the Association—the *Nurses' Journal*—those members who disapprove on principle of the R.B.N.A. Bill and the reprehensible methods by which it was thrust through the Special General Meeting, realise that their only chance of a hearing is through this Journal and the general Press.

A Presentation to Sister Mark.

A very pleasant ceremony took place at St. Bartholomew's Hospital on Monday afternoon, when a presentation, on behalf of members of the medical staff, was made to Sister Mark (Miss Greenstreet), who is retiring after twenty-seven years' service.

The chair was taken by Dr. Norman Moore, Physician to Mark Ward, and amongst those present were Sir William Church (President of the College of Physicians) and Lady Church, Mr. Bruce Clarke, Dr. Howard Tooth, Dr. Garrod, and other past and present members of the medical staff. The Matron, Miss Isla Stewart, and a number of the Senior Sisters were also present.

Dr. Norman Moore said that all present were aware of the purpose for which they were assembled. He would therefore at once call upon Sir William Church to address them.

Sir William Church said that the pleasant purpose for which they were assembled was to show their appreciation of the work of one of their most valued Ward Sisters, Sister Mark. He hardly liked in her presence to say all he would wish to say of her. She entered the hospital twenty-seven years ago, at a time when very considerable changes were taking place in regard to the nursing arrangements, and she had done much to raise the standard of nursing to a far higher plane than it had attained in those early days. She was, indeed, a constant example of all that is best in a Ward Sister, she was devoted to duty, unflagging in her attention to the patients, and unflinching in tact towards the staff. She had worked with three physicians, five assistant physicians and forty-seven house physicians, and retained the friendship of all.

Sir William Church then read letters from Sir Lauder Brunton and others expressive of their esteem for Sister Mark.

He then presented to Sister Mark a handsome silver teapot, and an envelope containing a handsome cheque assuring her that it was a token of the great regard in which she was held by all who had been privileged to work with her.

Sir William then said that in addition to his previous remarks on behalf of the donors, he wished personally to thank Sister Mark for the benefit and encouragement he had received in working with her. No one could be in daily contact with her without knowing that everything that could be done for the patients under his charge was done, whatever his own shortcomings might be. Many and many a patient recovered, not because of his own treatment, but because of the nursing care he received

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