

British Nurses' Association to remove the name of a nurse member from their Register on a most frivolous pretext, a course from which they were restrained by the nurse's successful action in the High Courts of Justice, will realise the danger of placing such power in the hands of an individual.

THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

In July the Annual Representative Meeting of the British Medical Association, which is composed of 20,000 medical practitioners, endorsed the previous decisions of the Association in 1896 and again in 1904 by passing the following Resolution by 90 votes to 3:—

"That this meeting approves of the recommendation of the Parliamentary Select Committee that there should be State Registration of Nurses, and is of opinion that on any Central Council or Board appointed the medical profession and the nursing profession should be *adequately* and *directly* represented."

THE PETITION.

Those who are working for the State Registration of Trained Nurses through the Society organised for that purpose being assured of the support of the great body of medical practitioners throughout the country, having secured a unanimous recommendation in favour of Registration from a Select Committee of the House of Commons, and having received considerable encouragement from the Lord President of the Council, are now turning their attention to the organisation of a Petition to the Prime Minister respectfully pleading that the Government will undertake to introduce a Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses into the House of Commons next Session.

A copy of this Petition will be found on page iv. of this issue, and we invite all supporters of the movement to cut out this page, sign the Petition, and return it to the Hon. Secretary Nurses' Petition, at 431, Oxford Street, W.

ABROAD.

In Germany an Act for the State examination of nurses throughout the German Empire passed the Bundesrath on March 23rd.

In America Miss Alline, who has been in charge of the special course at Teachers' College, Columbia University has been appointed by the Regents to the honourable and onerous position of Nurse Inspector under the Registration Act in New York State.

In our own Colony of New Zealand, Dr. MacGregor, Inspector-General of Hospitals, has recently officially reported to both Houses of the General Assembly that "New Zealand has proved by five years' experience the advantage

to medical men and the public, as well as to the nursing profession, of having a recognised standard of proficiency, and consequently State Registration."

In the Dominion of Canada, in various British Colonies, and in a great number of the American States trained nurses are organised to obtain similar legislation, thus proving that there is a general consensus of opinion as to its desirability.

ORGANISATION.

AT HOME.

The organisation of the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses, so successfully inaugurated by the Matrons' Council has made excellent progress. The Matrons' Council, the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, The Registered Nurses' Society, The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, the League of St. John's House Nurses, the Chelsea Infirmary Nurses' League, the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League, the Royal South Hants Nurses' League, the Kingston Infirmary Nurses' League, the Parish of Nottingham Nurses League and the Irish Nurses' Association are affiliated to the Committee. A recently formed League, that of the nurses of the Birmingham General Hospital, has also expressed its desire for affiliation, and the time is at hand when the full constitution of a National Council of nurses must be considered.

The Provisional Committee organised a pleasant *Conversazione* in June, and a small but interesting Nursing Exhibition in November combined with a most successful professional Conference.

The organisation of the certificated nurses of hospitals and institutions into professional and self-governing Leagues through which they can both voice their views, and enter into national and international relations, is most encouraging, and the unanimity of ideas evinced by these societies affords strong evidence of the harmony of the views of thoroughly trained nurses.

The latest League to be formed is that in connection with the Victoria Nurses' Institute at Bournemouth, a private nursing institution, which had been founded with considerable enthusiasm.

ABROAD.

News comes from Australasia that the reciprocal arrangements between the Australasian and Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Associations are progressing satisfactorily, and it is hoped that next year the formation of a Federal Nursing Council for Australia may be discussed.

In the United States, Miss M. Adelaide Nut-

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