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 2285 Miss R. M. Carter, trained, Cottage Hosp., Ledbury.
 2286 Miss M. C. Rudkin, cert., St. Lucy's Hosp., Gloucester.
 2287 Miss F. A. Whitford, cert., Royal Berks Hosp., Reading.
 2288 Miss A. I. C. Raw, cert., General Inf., Stafford.
 2289 Miss M. F. Frith, cert., Children's Hosp., Gloucester.
 2290 Miss E. Turley, cert., Mater Misericordia Hosp., Dublin.
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 2294 Miss A. Nisbet, cert., Inf., Kingston-on-Thames.
 2295 Miss F. L. Arnold, cert., Inf., Kingston-on-Thames.
 2296 Miss M. L. Mackenzie, cert., Inf., Kingston-on-Thames.
 2297 Miss A. S. Wood, cert., General Hosp., Gravesend.
 2298 Miss F. H. Perkins, Matron, Chesham Cottage Hosp., Bucks.

The meeting then terminated.

ETHEL G. FENWICK,
Hon. Secretary.

The Appeal to Parliament.

All the arrangements are now made for the Public Meeting to be held at the Caxton Hall Westminster, on Friday, February 21st, 1908, in support of the State Registration of Nurses, at which Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson will preside, and at which she will give an address. Eloquent speakers will urge upon the Government and upon Parliament the pressing necessity which exists for an Act for the Registration of Nurses, in view of the fact that Mr. H. J. Tennant's Select Committee has unanimously recommended such legislation, that the medical profession through the British Medical Association has on three occasions passed resolutions in favour of the principle, and that the self-governing Associations of Nurses earnestly desire it. Other countries and British Colonies have passed such Acts, and have proved their utility in raising the standard of nursing and the status of nurses. We just hope trained nurses will come pouring into this meeting, and disprove the statement that they are indifferent to the prestige of their profession and the welfare of the sick.

It is understood that the King will pay a public visit to Manchester about the middle of July, when the new Royal Infirmary is to be formally opened by his Majesty.

Nurses as Prison Matrons and Warders.

The appointment the other day by the Secretary for Scotland of a lady who had qualified as a trained nurse to the office of Matron of one of our Scottish prisons, has brought before me the question as to whether this branch of the Civil Service has been sufficiently considered as a possible outlet for the energies of the educated woman. A discussion which was reported in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING in December last* has suggested to my mind that Prison Service is a profession which trained nurses might at least consider. Nowadays this work is being more and more looked on as directed to the reclamation of the mentally perverted, and not as the hopeless task of years ago, when punishment was regarded as an end in chief. Now, I can hardly imagine a better training for such work than that which a well-organised hospital gives—training in discipline of the best kind. For actual nursing the opportunities may be small (though, of course, they exist), but hospital work surely prepares those who enter upon it for other spheres of labour beyond what is comprised in the ordinary duties of tending the physically sick; if it is what it ought to be it also gives an adequate preparation for life, whether domestic or institutional, where the same faculties of close and careful observation, tact, sympathy, firmness, and self-restraint come into play. So far as I know, there is no other mode of training which at present supplies just these needs in so adequate a way.

I am not conversant with the conditions in England, but through the kindness of the Prison Commissioners for Scotland, who are sympathetic with this idea, I am in a position to say something of the conditions of service in Scotland, and I know that many Scottish nurses are readers of this paper. The commencing salary for a second class warder is £45, and this increases at the rate of £1 a year until £55 is reached. First class warders commence at £60, and rise in ten years to £75, and head warders begin at £80, and rise to £100. The pay of the highest grade of Matron is naturally considerably above these amounts. Uniform, furnished lodgings, fuel, light, washing, medical attendance, etc., is supplied to the warder, as also certain other special money allowances. Mess is held in

* On a paper read before the Matrons' Council by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, on "The Place of Trained Nursing in Prisons."

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