

ignorance of a nurse, and death instead of recovery result. There are, he said, hundreds of nurses who know nothing of the work they undertake, who are doing infinite harm. It is very disappointing for a doctor to find his efforts frustrated, but the matter is now one for the public, who are the persons chiefly affected. The doctors and nurses have done all they can; it now remains for the public to act.

MISS H. L. PEARSE, Superintendent of School Nurses under the London County Council, seconded the resolution, and said—I speak with the experience of one who has been a private nurse after one year's training, and at the conclusion of my contract found it necessary to enter a hospital again as a probationer, in order to get an adequate training. It is the middle classes who suffer most acutely from indifferent and bad nurses, because they do not send for a nurse for trivial ailments, but only in cases of serious illness. Medical men cannot be sure of obtaining properly trained nurses. They may send to an institution known to them as reliable, and every nurse may be engaged; so they send to another and take the nurse on trust. It is time this state of things should cease, and a minimum standard of efficiency for trained nurses be defined and enforced. I have great pleasure in seconding the resolution.

The resolution, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman and speakers, proposed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and seconded by Miss E. M. Musson, Matron of the General Hospital, Swansea.

In acknowledging the thanks of those present on her own behalf and that of the other speakers, Lady Helen said she was glad the meeting was satisfied with the part they had played. It was now their turn to go out and advance the cause in the interests of which the meeting had been convened.

#### THE OPPOSITION TACTICS.

Mr. Sydney Holland, the leader of the opposition to the State Registration of Trained Nurses, did not attend the Caxton Hall meeting, and thus, as Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, the Chairman, subsequently pointed out, "missed this excellent opportunity of stating his objections to registration frankly and freely when they could have been met and answered in fair and open debate."

Mr. Holland took the alternative course of addressing a letter to the London and provincial press to appear the day after the meeting, detailing once more the theories which he advanced before the Select Committee of the House of Commons on Registration, and which, when weighed in the balances, were found wanting. The letter was so admirably answered by Lady Helen Munro Ferguson the following day that nothing further need be said.

## Appointments.

### MATRONS.

**Cottage Hospital, Builth.**—Miss Parkes has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Children's Hospital, Birmingham, and for twelve years held the position of Matron at the Elan Valley (Birmingham) Waterworks for twelve years, and at present is Matron of the Birchinlee Hospital, Bamford.

**Forres Leancoil Hospital, N.B.**—Miss Margaret McLennan has been appointed Matron of the Infectious Diseases Wards. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Inverness, and has for years been Sister in Charge of Wards at the Ruchill Fever Hospital, Glasgow.

**Westmeath County Infirmary, Mullingar.**—Miss Mary L'Estrange has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, and has held the position of Day Nurse at the Westmeath County Infirmary.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**Huddersfield Infirmary.**—Miss Violet James has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at Bury Infirmary, where she has held the position of Sister. She has also been Sister at the Rochdale Infirmary, and at the Royal Eye Hospital, Manchester.

### SISTERS.

**North Evington Poor Law Infirmary, Leicester.**—Miss Julia Haigh has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Nottingham Poor Law Infirmary, and has been Sister at the Kingston-on-Thames Infirmary; Charge Nurse at the Grove Fever Hospital, Tooting; and Sister at St. Mary's Infirmary, Highgate Hill, N.

**St. George's Infirmary, S.W.**—Miss A. M. Brown has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Birmingham Infirmary, and has held the position of Charge Nurse under the Metropolitan Asylums' Board for the last eighteen months.

Miss E. M. Hall has been appointed Sister in the same institution. She was trained at the Lambeth Infirmary, where she has held the position of Sister for the last five years.

**Poor Law Infirmary, Bradford.**—Miss Dora E. Williams has been appointed Sister. She received her training in the same institution, and has held the position of Staff Nurse in the Maternity Ward of the Hammersmith Union Infirmary. She has also had experience of private nursing in Harrrogate.

Miss Leishman has also been appointed Sister in the same institution. She was trained at the Western District Hospital, Glasgow, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Chesterfield Infirmary.

### NIGHT SISTERS.

**Thompson Memorial Home for Incurables, Lisburn, Co. Antrim.**—Miss Alice Fisher has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the General Hospital, Leith, where she has held the position of Sister. She has had experience of infectious nursing at the Belvidere Hospital, Glasgow, and of Maternity work at the Maternity Hospital,

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