

afford it the privilege of presenting the views of the members on the organisation of their own profession. With the genial courtesy for which he is so well known, Lord Balfour of Burleigh at once acceded to this request, and arranged for an interview, which will take place at an early date.

Legislation for nurses is inevitable. Every Matron and every nurse, therefore, owes it to her profession and herself, to the medical profession and the public, to use her best endeavour that such legislation shall be liberal and effective. It is now she must act, and bring her experience, wise counsels, and influence to bear upon the question. We all have friends, as a correspondent points out in another column, in one House or the other. Our work brings us in contact with influential men and women interested in the efficient nursing of the sick. Appeal to them. Invite their help, so that in framing the law which is so urgently needed for the better organisation of nursing, the interests of all whom it will effect may be best safeguarded.

NURSES AS AN OBJECT LESSON.

It was sad, and yet to the point, that nurses were the class referred to by Mrs. Pankhurst in her magnificent speech at the Albert Hall—exemplifying the absolute necessity for the vote for women. "Men now seemed to think themselves fit to deal with questions which ever since the human race existed have been managed by women," said Mrs. Pankhurst. She then referred to the Nurses' Directory Bill, introduced into the House of Lords on the previous evening by Lord Balfour of Burleigh, "proposing legislation for that splendid body of women who nurse the sick, without even thinking it necessary to ask the opinion of experienced women concerning its proposals!"

IRISH NURSES ASSOCIATION.

An emergency meeting was convened by the President of the Irish Nurses' Association, Miss L. Ramsden, Lady Superintendent of the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, on the evening of March 20th, at which she presided. The matter considered was the Bill "To Provide for an Official Directory of Nurses," introduced into the House of Lords on Wednesday, the 18th March.

The following letter was considered and approved, and it was agreed that it should be sent to the members of the House of Lords:—

"My Lord,—It has come to our knowledge that a Bill advocating the formation of a Nurses' Directory has been introduced in the House of Lords by Lord Balfour of Burleigh, of which the I.N.A. does not approve. At a special meeting

convened for the purpose to-day the members of the Association desired me to state that they have not been consulted in the matter of the Bill. It is contrary to the recommendations made by the Select Committee appointed by the House of Commons, and it is opposed to the Bill for State Registration of Trained Nurses already introduced in the House of Commons by Mr. Munro Ferguson. Irish Nurses are opposed to any scheme that does not have for its main object a Central Governing Body on which nurses are fully represented, a Body which should control the education and subsequent registration of all Trained Nurses.

"I remain, yours faithfully,

"L. RAMSDEN, *President.*"

The following telegram was sent to Miss Isla Stewart, President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses:

"Irish Nurses here assembled at Special Meeting urge Bill introduced in House of Lords should be strenuously opposed.—RAMSDEN, President Irish Nurses' Association."

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