

no beneficial results could be hoped for.

The absurdity of such a measure becomes obvious when it is applied to one of the recognised contagious diseases, such as small-pox. If the women who were infected with small-pox could be quarantined, but the men in the same condition could not be, it is pretty evident that there would be very little hope of checking the spread of the disease. As a matter of fact, Regulation, as it has been practically tried, has proven a consummate failure. Medical men have come to admit this, and have resolved at last to try some rational means of combatting the evil. Possibly the preventive work which has already been done with respect to tuberculosis has helped to direct their efforts. At all events, they have apparently decided that the education of the public at large as to the extent and gravity of venereal disease must be the first step in the prevention of this class of diseases.

That medical men have at last taken a definite stand on this subject must be a source of gratification to all women who are broad-minded enough to take an interest in community problems, and the trained nurse especially, from her experience with individual cases, will rejoice that this new branch of preventive medicine has been inaugurated.

The National Union of Women Workers and the Nurses' Directory Bill.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Union of Women Workers, held at the office on Tuesday, April 7th, the following Resolution with regard to the "Bill to Provide for an Official Directory of Nurses" was proposed by Miss Lidgett, and seconded by Miss Olga Hertz:

"That the Executive Committee of the National Union of Women Workers regrets that the proposed scheme has not been framed in consultation with those directly concerned, and is of opinion that it would fulfil no useful purpose."

In accordance with the instructions of the Committee, a copy of the Resolution has been sent to Lord Balfour of Burleigh, and to Lord Ampthill.

WHERE TO GET PARLIAMENTARY BILLS.

The Official Directory of Nurses Bill and all Bills introduced into Parliament may be obtained through any bookseller, or from Wyman and Sons, Ltd., Fetter Lane, E.C.; from Oliver and Boyd, Tweeddale Court, Edinburgh; and from E. Ponsonby, 116, Grafton Street, Dublin.

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at 481, Oxford Street, on Friday, April 10th, at 4 p.m. Miss E. S. Haldane, LL.D., took the chair.

THE HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Hon. Secretary, reported that the Nurses' Registration Bill had been introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. R. C. Munro Ferguson, on February 19th last. That at the Public Meeting held at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on February 21st, Lady Helen Munro Ferguson presided, and eloquently reviewed the Registration question, and the encouraging progress it had made. She was supported by the Hon. Lady Lyttelton, Miss Mollett, Miss Pearse, Miss Musson, Dr. de Courcy Wheeler from Dublin, Dr. Hyslop, Dr. Biernacki, Dr. Bedford Fenwick, and the Hon. Secretary.

The Resolutions were passed unanimously, and, with an explanatory memorandum and a covering letter, had been forwarded to the members of the House of Lords, and of the House of Commons.

VICE-PREIDENTS.

The Countess of Dudley, nominated as a Vice-President at the last meeting, had sent a kind letter accepting office.

THE DIRECTORY OF NURSES BILL.

On March 18th, Lord Balfour of Burleigh introduced into the House of Lords a "Bill to Provide for an Official Directory of Nurses" on behalf of the Central Hospital Council for London; as this Bill had been privately drafted without consultation with the class it proposed to legislate for, the Hon. Officers took prompt action, and at once pointed out its reactionary and dangerous tendency to those immediately concerned. Great interest had been aroused, and after detailed consideration of the Bill many resolutions disapproving of its provisions had been passed by influential Societies, and forwarded to Lord Balfour of Burleigh, and to Lord Ampthill who had given notice to move the rejection of the Bill upon its second reading, put down provisionally for the 6th of May.

NURSES PLEAD THEIR OWN CAUSE.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh received a deputation on the 31st March, consisting of Miss Sidney Browne, R.R.C., Miss H. L. Pearse, Miss M. Breaçy, Mrs. Walter Spencer, and the Hon. Secretary, and gave a courteous hearing to their views concerning the organisation of Nursing by the State. Memoranda on the State Registration of Nurses were handed in.

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