

RESOLUTIONS.

I.

"That the thanks of this Society of Trained Nurses be sent to the Prime Minister for receiving a Deputation in support of the Nurses' Registration Bill. This Society earnestly hopes that the Government will consent to give facilities for the consideration of the Bill by Parliament this Session."

II.

"That the thanks of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses be sent to the Members of Parliament, eminent medical men, and ladies representing important Women's Societies, for their kindness in taking part in the Deputation to the Prime Minister in support of the Registration of Trained Nurses."

III.

"That hearty congratulations be sent to the Nurses in the six States in the American Union, the Legislatures of which have, during this session, passed bills for the Registration of Nurses."

IV.

"That this meeting approves of the proposal made by the Parliamentary advisers of the Society, that a Conference be held between representatives of Societies promoting and supporting the three Bills for the State Registration of Nurses."

V.

"That the members of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, in annual meeting assembled, re-affirm their determination to oppose any Bill for the Registration of Nurses in Scotland providing for reciprocity of registration unless the standards of training and examination are equivalent to those enforced for England and Ireland.

"This Society is of opinion that there should be a single portal to the Nurses' Register—through an examination regulated by the General Council for the Registration of Nurses for the United Kingdom."

6. Other business.

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June 2nd.—Mr. Burns, M.P., opens a "Tuberculosis Exhibition," Whitechapel Art Gallery, promoted by the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption. Admission free.

June 6th.—Franco-British Charity Bazaar, Canadian Pavilion, White City, Shepherd's Bush.

June 8th to July 3rd.—Missionary Exhibition, organised by the Church Missionary Society, Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, N.

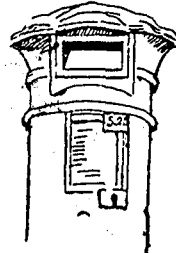
June 11th and 12th.—Sale of Work towards the extinction of the debt, by the Matron and Nursing Staff, Prince of Wales' General Hospital, Tottenham.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

Not till the fire is dying in the grate
Look we for any kinship with the stars.

GEORGE MEREDITH.

Letters to the Editor.



Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

IRISH NURSES AND STATE REGISTRATION.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

MADAM,—As a member of the deputation which recently waited on the Prime Minister in support of the State Registration of Trained Nurses, I cannot allow Mr. Sydney Holland's letter in the *Times* to pass unnoticed.

While appreciating Mr. Holland's desire to spare the time of a very busy man, he omits to say that the Anti-Registrationists had already occupied the time of the Prime Minister with their memoranda and statistics; these statistics appear again in the *Times*, and, as will be seen, are quite insignificant when compared with the total number of people personally interested in the subject.

In the United Kingdom there are at least 30,000 medical men, 60,000 Matrons and nurses, and numbers unknown of others connected with hospitals. Mr. Holland says of these, 260 medical men, 197 Matrons, 1,094 nurses, and 70 men and women engaged in Hospital work, and having to do with nurses, are opposed to this movement, and last, but not least, the Central Hospital Council for London, this latter body composed of thirty-five governors of hospitals and doctors on whose opinion Mr. Holland lays great stress, naturally view the subject from a commercial aspect. It is their business to do so, and as a consequence they are against Registration for Nurses or any other movement that might interfere with their absolute control of the education and economic condition of their nursing staffs.

Twenty years ago trained nurses realised that a one portal examination and registration were important. To-day we know that it is infinitely more so, and although, as Mr. Holland truly says, we cannot register character, we ought to register technical knowledge and efficiency, and we should also know that the woman who is so examined and registered has worked uninterruptedly for a definite time in a reputable hospital, and that during those years she has been known as a woman of desirable character. Insufficient as this may be, it is a great deal more than can be guaranteed of the women who pose as trained nurses to-day.

If the much operated on public only understood the grave importance of the duties a nurse has to perform, and how much the success of an operation and speedy recovery of the patient may be retarded by ignorance on her part, I feel sure they would be amongst the first to demand a guarantee of a nurses' efficiency.

May I politely intimate to Mr. Holland and the Central Hospital Council for London that Irish

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