

of what will eventually benefit the whole, or Irish nurses consent to be controlled by a small autocracy mostly composed of London doctors and Matrons? The unanimity between Irish Matrons and nurses as to registration was due to the fact that no "muzzling" of Irish nurses was encouraged. She concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Field, which was seconded by Miss Sutton, and the meeting separated.

I should add that Mr. Field proposed, and it was passed, that the letter of Lord Justice Fitzgibbon should also be included with the resolutions to be presented to the Prime Minister. V. R.

Progress of State Registration.

EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYED.

Of course, the day after the Deputation to the Prime Minister in support of Registration was reported in the press, the inevitable, and always inaccurate manifesto was issued by that little Hospital Trust, the Central Hospital Council for London, signed by Mr. Sydney Holland, and letter after letter against registration has appeared from him in the press.

The truth is that the Central Hospital Council for London is an unrepresentative clique of about thirty-five employers of nursing labour, and their interested and intolerant opposition to any freedom of thought or action on the part of defenceless women workers is as big a bit of tyranny as can flourish in a free (?) country. In its next manifesto against State protection for trained nurses, let the Central Hospital Council for London publish the balance sheet of the huge nurse farm run by the London Hospital, and clearly state in black and white what net profit is made on the nurses, deprived of their third year's training, so that their work may be utilised as a profitable commodity in support of the hospital. We are informed that a tidy little sum of not less than £10,000 annually is taken from these indentured nurses. The truth is the twenty years' opposition upon the part of these irresponsible employers to the registration of their servants is an economic one, and as such it must be exposed. Much better take the gloves off, as Lord Justice FitzGibbon has done.

REGISTRATION IN SCOTLAND.

The following communication has been sent to the press by the Executive Committee of the Association for the Registration of Nurses in Scotland:—

"At a meeting held in Edinburgh on May 14th this Committee expressed their satisfaction that

the Prime Minister was unable to assent to the proposals of the deputation which waited on him on the 13th inst. This Association (which represents public opinion, and, with a few exceptions, the opinion of the medical and nursing profession in Scotland) trusts that it will be afforded an opportunity of placing its views before any Committee of the House of Commons that may be appointed to deal with this important subject. The enclosed printed statement gives in detail the reasons of the Association for objecting to Registration Bills No. 1 and No. 2, and although Scotland does not desire to be associated with the scheme of either of these Bills, the Scottish Committee see no reason why a Bill for the registration of nurses should not be introduced which would be satisfactory to England, Scotland, and Ireland, arranging for representative branch councils, and for a separate register for each country, to be embodied in one common register, the branch councils to supervise examinations in their own country, just as is done under the Medical Act (1858) and its subsequent amending Acts. The views held by this Association coincide generally with the recommendations of the Select Committee which reported to Parliament in 1905 on the question of State registration of nurses. The Executive Committee instructed the Honorary Secretary to convey this resolution to the Prime Minister."

REGISTRATION BUZZING.

It is all to the good that registration is "buzzing." Lord Inverclyde, Sir William Macewen, and Miss E. A. Stevenson keep up the controversy in the *Glasgow Herald*. The *Common Cause*, *Sanitary Record*, *British Medical Journal*, *Medical Officer*, the *Englishwoman*, the *Times*, and other dailies have all during the week devoted space to this important question. The more it is discussed, the better for the cause, because there is not one valid reason against it, as speedily appears when the "antis" gambol ambiguously with pen on paper.

WELCOME HELP.

We acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the expenses of the Nurses' Registration Bill:—

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A BRIEF ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Two books received this week can only now be accorded brief mention, the "Guy's Hospital Nursing Guide, Handbook of Nurses' League, and Register of Nurses Trained at Guy's Hospital," edited by the Matron, and "Ruchill—A Romance, almost a Tragedy, and with Reflections on the Alleged Scandal," by Ex-Baillie D. Willox, Member of the Hospitals Committee.

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