

cared for in life is hospital work, on account of the positions which he holds as hospital chairman, and on the Committee of the Q.V.J.I., etc. He then proceeded to say that in reply to Miss Dock's question of the previous day why he wished to be heard by the Congress if he considered it unrepresentative, that he did not for one moment wish to suggest that the representation from abroad was unrepresentative, but that the Conveners of the Congress did not represent English nursing or English hospitals, and it would be a great pity if this fact were not made plain. He continued: I think it is fair to those who come from abroad just to say that, however estimable it may be in those ladies who have called this Congress together, to say that they do not represent, and have no right to represent, English nursing or nursing in England. You have only to look at the names, and to ask for the credentials of those who have given you your welcome to see this.

The CHAIRMAN here interposed and said she was afraid she must call Mr. Holland to order, and ask him to discuss the subject before the meeting—the Educational Standard of Nursing, and State Registration, and not the personalities of those who organised the Congress.

MR. HOLLAND proceeded to produce the anti-registration manifesto of the Central Hospital Council for London, and informed the Congress that it was signed by 67 Matrons of London Hospitals, and others, and advanced his usual arguments in its support. He said further: Imagine my feelings of horror, ladies, when I arrived here to-day and was shown into my place by an old friend of mine attired in nurse's uniform, who is not a nurse. The State Registration will not get rid of that evil. And that lady is actually a member of the Trained Nurses' Association, I believe.

Mr. Holland argued that the public should take the trouble to enquire into a nurse's credentials before engaging her just as they do into those of a servant. "The moment you register her you make yourself responsible, although she may have numerous failings, rendering her unfit to nurse."

The time limit having been called by the CHAIRMAN, Mr. HOLLAND thanked the audience for listening to him, and assured them that they had no idea how many good things they had missed by stopping him.

MISS ISLA STEWART then spoke briefly on co-operative training, and said that it was curious to find that a thing which had been in her own mind had also been in Mrs. Robb's mind on the other side of the Atlantic. She said that at St. Bartholomew's Hospital it was practically settled to allow nurses with two years' training

in a fever hospital to take two years' general training at St. Bartholomew's, after which they will get a co-operative certificate.

The COUNTESS A. DE VILLEGAS, Belgium, spoke of the very successful work done for the training of Nurses in the school of St. Camillus.

MISS GOODRICH, President of the American Federation of Nurses, said: I never felt so deeply sad as I do at this moment to hear that there are 67 Matrons of leading hospitals in London who are not willing to meet with us to discuss the best way to meet the needs of the sick and suffering humanity. I beg Mr. Holland's pardon, but I think their place is here, and not his. I would like to give my credentials, for I feel my credentials have given me the right to speak, because they are credentials won by experience. Miss Goodrich said further: I do not know whether it is legal in England to withdraw a diploma; it is not legal in the United States. A name may be cut off the Roll, and the nurse may not remain on the Roll, but the diploma cannot be withdrawn. Is that permissible in England?

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK replied that a certificate once granted by our hospitals in England cannot be withdrawn, so that the nurse who has a certificate by any of our training schools—even if sent to gaol for a crime—can come out and nurse the sick again upon the credentials of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, the London Hospital, or any other hospital.

MR. S. HOLLAND: No, no.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK: Mr. Holland says No, but yesterday I read the rules of the London Hospital, and in them there was no intimation to the in-coming probationer that her certificate could be withdrawn.

MISS PEYTON JONES, Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association, described its organisation.

#### THE INTEREST OF THE KING.

The CHAIRMAN then said: Ladies, I am going to make a very gratifying announcement. The Lord Chamberlain wishes the International Congress to be informed of the special interest the King has taken in the visit of its members to Windsor Castle on Saturday. The King wrote himself from Biarritz instructing that special facilities should be granted on this occasion, and his Majesty has specially singled out the Canadian delegates who have formed their National Council, by permitting them to place upon the tomb of the late Queen Victoria a wreath, bearing an inscription expressing their loyalty and devotion to the Crown.

The BARONESS VAN ECK (Holland) and Miss KELLY, Dublin, also took part in the discussion, and then

The HON. ALBINA BRODRICK said: I present

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