

The suggestion met with a ready response. The readers of this journal will certainly applaud Miss Eden's remark that State Registration for nurses was the most urgent reform of the day.

She considered that State Registration and the N.S.U. should work hand in hand. It is, of course, very obvious to all thoughtful people, whose minds are set to reform, that when once the nursing profession has legal status, all branches of the work, whether they be social or professional, will acquire a measure of importance and recognition that will endure.

Mrs. Clare Goslett followed Miss Eden; she spoke in a buoyant, crisp, and very optimistic vein. She said that women were naturally slow to combine, but that they were awakening to the importance of it, and consequently the formation of Unions, Associations, and Leagues was a great feature of the day; she pointed out that success depended upon it; mutual advantage and pleasure can only be attained that way. She also spoke of the dangers of the lonely, monotonous lives that many nurses lead. She urged upon all the necessity of using every means to prevent getting rusty by taking an interest in all topical subjects, especially all questions of reform.

Mrs. Goslett alluded to those retrogressive people who rather pride themselves on being such, and called them "back numbers"! She thought nurses should form opinions for themselves on all subjects, not excepting politics.

Miss Eden read a letter from Miss Amy Hughes, President of the Union, expressing her regret that she was unable to be present, as she had been ordered by her Council to proceed to Australia with the object of organising a system of district work in that country.

In connection with this meeting, an interesting exhibition of District Nursing appliances and nurses' inventions (of our own and other countries) was on view. Many of them we had seen at the Nursing Congress Exhibition, and were well worth our second inspection. It will be seen that the potent word social in connection with this Union is of very wide application. Indeed, the connotation of this word is almost limitless.

At the close of the meeting, very liberal and dainty refreshments were served, and a perfect babel of cheerful voices testified to the enjoyment of the guests.

BEATRICE KENT.

A National Memorial to Miss Isla Stewart.

On Saturday last a meeting to consider general opinion on the most acceptable form of a Memorial to the late Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital was held by the courtesy of the Treasurer in the Clinical Theatre. Miss Cox-Davies, the President of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, which had convened the meeting, presided, and upon her invitation Mrs. Bedford Fenwick opened the discussion, and said it was of paramount importance that the Memorial should in

some measure be inspired by the spirit of their great Matron. She was not primarily a philanthropist; her whole influence sprang from her innate sense of personal responsibility—her love of learning—the true value of self-education and evolution. A fitting memorial should be of an educational nature. Mrs. Fenwick touched on various schemes of educational value to Matrons and nurses, and the meeting voted unanimously that the Isla Stewart Memorial should be of a national character, and take some educational form to be decided upon by a Committee formed for the purpose.

It was then agreed that the members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses should be informed of the views of the conference, and that with power to add to its numbers the Committee should, with their consent to act, be formed as follows:—Four Sisters and two nurses to be elected by the Executive Committee of the League, the Hon. Officers of the League, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Beatrice Cutler, the Presidents of the affiliated Nurses' Leagues, the Presidents of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, the Scottish Matrons' Association, and the Irish Matrons' Association, a representative of the Army Nursing Board, and the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, with the majority of which societies Miss Isla Stewart was warmly in sympathy and intimately associated. It was agreed that donations in support of the Memorial might be sent to the Treasurer of the League and to Miss Cutler, Deputy Matron at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

In Memoriam.

ISLA STEWART.

The editorial reference in the *American Journal of Nursing* to the death of Miss Isla Stewart is instinctively sympathetic. It is written: "She had a geniality, a generosity of heart, a largeness of outlook that distinguished her among others so endowed. Her opinions on all subjects were liberal and broad. She rejoiced in the full development of individuality, yet cultivated all the avenues of co-operation and associated endeavour. Under her sway, the school at St. Bartholomew's remained, and is, as it was when she took it, conspicuous for progressiveness and liberality of view, and these characteristics are stamped upon the women who have trained there."

Miss Dock writes: "A woman Greatheart has gone from us. The grief of her friends and comrades is deep and real."

The Irish Trained Nurse, in referring to the passing of our two dear comrades, says:—"To those who mourn them it is a comfort to remember that their work lives after them. That the example of their high ideals, their strenuous lives, their whole-hearted devotion to their high vocation, is not likely to be forgotten by those who benefitted by their training, their friendship, and their counsel."

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