

diploma, was not there, but she was made an honorary life member of the Superintendents' Society. She has retired to private life, and is, I am sorry to say, quite lame; were it not for this she would be absolutely as useful in active work as ever, as she is still young and vigorous in looks, in spirit, and in general health—her colour rich, her eyes radiant. She is writing some memoirs, and keeps hold of a thousand individual interests in the lives and problems of the many women she has trained.

Miss Drown was not present. She, too, is very far from strong, and has not been on duty for a long time. Miss McIsaac was there, and is one of those having taken on a wonderful rejuvenation since her departure to the farm. Her profession does not leave her in peace; she is on the *Journal* directors, does a great deal of writing, and was elected by the Alumnae as Inter-State Secretary, an officer whose opportunities of usefulness are simply unlimited.

Before the day closed on which she was elected she received an urgent call to go to California to help work out problems there. Miss Banfield has gone back to England; Miss Walker has retired to private life, and was not at the meetings; neither was Miss Snively, who will conduct her last commencement exercises at the Toronto General this June and then retire on the very nice annuity that has been given her by the hospital. Miss Nevins was there, chipper and energetic as ever; Miss Genevieve Cook was there, having quite recovered, and presented the report of the Committee on Re-organisation, which was considered this year and will be finally adopted next year. Our societies are like big lusty children that have outgrown all their clothes, all our constitutions, by-laws, qualifications, and requirements are much too small; we are bursting out of them in every direction, and will have to throw them all away and get a new outfit.

Miss Nutting, of course, was there, and presided with her usual charm and dignity over the Superintendents' Society; Miss Delano has made a remarkable President for the Alumnae, and was unanimously re-elected. She has gone much over the country in the last year in connection with her Army and Red Cross work, and is going out to the Philippines in the coming year.

Crops and sheaves of splendid young women are growing up; it is a most refreshing and encouraging spectacle. One feels so perfectly easy in one's conscience about going to sit down by the fire and spin. Let the young ones take up the battle.

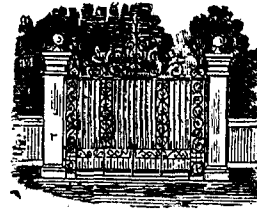
There is a canny enemy in sight to be driven away—the men who are simply fretting to get all the reins in their own hands. And I have become so convinced that we, in common with all women, need the ballot for self-defence and further progress, that I have swept everything except my International Council and *Journal* work off my decks, and am going to devote myself in future to the work of digging and ploughing for THE VOTE.

So with best wishes that you may soon get it too, I am as ever, faithfully and sincerely,

L. L. DOCK, R.N.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



The King's action in conferring the first of the birthday honours upon the Queen will commend itself to all women. His Majesty has been pleased to command "as Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter that the title and dignity of a lady of that Most Noble Order be conferred upon her Majesty the Queen"; as husband he has bestowed on his wife the highest honour which is his to give.

Nurses in active work cannot give a great deal of time to the Women's Suffrage movement, but many can, if they will, join the great procession, organised by the Women's Social and Political Union, on Saturday, June 18th, which is to be "the most splendid and marvellous demonstration that has ever been known, not only in London, but in history." Members of over a dozen of the best-known and most important Suffrage Societies will join the procession, and from every part of the country women of all professions and trades will come to walk under their own special banner, in a procession that will stretch for over two miles along the chief streets of the Metropolis.

The procession will form up on the Embankment at 5.30 p.m., start at 6.30 p.m., and march to the Albert Hall for the great meeting, at which Mrs. Pankhurst will preside. Nurses wishing to join their special contingent under their own banner, must join it by 5.30 at Section E 3, close to the Temple Station. Those who can do so should come in indoor uniform; if this is impossible, then wearing the colours, with outdoor uniform or ordinary dress.

Although part of the Hall is reserved for those walking in the procession, it is advisable to secure tickets, a few of which, at 6d. each, can still be obtained from Miss Trim, 143, Church Street, Kensington. The Hon. Secretaries for the Nursing Contingent, Miss Townend and Miss Pine, appeal to every nurse in sympathy with the women's movement, to join the contingent, and hope that the Nursing Profession will send a contingent worthy of the occasion.

Mrs. George Cran, writing to the *Weekly Times*, makes an urgent plea for the emigration of midwives and monthly nurses to Canada, and the position of women on the outlying farms of the Dominion, approaching their confinements without any prospect of any assistance—except possibly that of some half-breed, whose knowledge of the elementary rules of cleanliness is less than nothing—is sufficiently heart-rending. At the same time nurses must remember that in Canada they would

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