

Hoff holds the work of nursing in Army organisation, nor of the qualifications he would expect in the women who volunteer for Army work. He closed with an appeal for a thorough organisation of the Red Cross, as an adequate preparation, not only for war, but for those national disasters and calamities which seem inevitable.

The Hon. Joseph Choate, late Ambassador to England, took for his theme, "What Florence Nightingale did for Mankind." It surely was a subject to inspire an orator, and Mr. Choate entered himself into it unreservedly. It would be impossible to indicate the range of the historical field which he covered, or to follow him through the many details of Florence Nightingale's early life and training, the fearful conditions in the armies and her work there, to the later incidents of her life and the wide-reaching results of the nursing movement which she initiated.

The nursing body is much indebted to Mr. Choate for his very comprehensive and understanding appreciation of the work of their great foundress, and the public generally for a most graceful and eloquent tribute to a world heroine.

Dr. Polk followed with an address on "The Influence of the Trained Nurse upon Developments in Medicine." Dr. Polk was one of the earliest supporters of the modern movement for intelligent scientific nursing of the sick—and is still one of our sanest and staunchest advisors. He is none the less earnestly listened to because he realises certain limitations and dangers in the field of nursing, but they are the limitations of narrow, personal aims and ignorance—rather than the dangers of "over education"—which we are so often warned against.

Near the close of the meeting the Chairman, Mr. Osborn, read a message which had just been sent Florence Nightingale from the Associated Nurses of America, saying that the many hundreds of nurses gathered together that evening sent her their greetings of love and devotion, and that they cherished her unperishable name and example as a guiding star in their work.

The Right Rev. Monsignor Lavelle, representing the Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York, closed with the benediction.

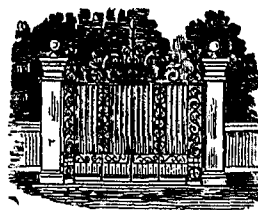
The evening was one to be long remembered—one of the notable events in modern nursing, remarkable for its simplicity, dignity, and impressiveness.

We are glad to note the *Indian Pioneer* is supporting the demand for the State Registration of Nurses. We find it stated—

"The registration of hospital-trained nurses in India would be a great benefit to the public and nurses alike, and surely it is time this registration was effected. Medical officers and public would then know when employing nurses who and what they were, and all fully-trained nurses would welcome anything which would definitely show their status. A better class of nurse would come forward if it was known that at the end of the training period nurses would have some sort of hallmark, and not be classed with the unqualified, as they are now."

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



The new Regency Bill provides that if, on the demise of his present Majesty, whom God long preserve, any child of His Majesty succeeds to the Crown while under the age of eighteen years, Her Majesty Queen Mary shall be the guardian, and have the care and tuition of such child until the child reaches the age of eighteen. It goes on to enact that Her Majesty Queen Mary shall, until that time, have full power and authority in the name of the child, and under the style and title of Regent, to exercise and administer the Royal power and government of this realm and of the Dominions and Territories belonging to the Crown. Any other arrangement would have been most unpopular.

A demonstration in favour of the Conciliation Committee's Woman Suffrage Bill will be held at Queen's Hall on the evening of Tuesday, the 28th inst. The meeting is convened by the National Union and London Society for Women's Suffrage, and among the speakers will be the Earl of Lytton, Chairman of the Conciliation Committee. Lady Frances Balfour will take the chair, and Mrs. Henry Fawcett is also expected to speak.

Who that was present at the magnificent meeting at the Albert Hall last Saturday will ever forget its inspiration? It was remarkable not only because the greatest building in the Kingdom was filled to overflowing, but because of the spiritual force which pulsed through it, with a strength which must carry all before it.

The resolution of the evening, proposed from the chair by Mrs. Pankhurst, and seconded by the Earl of Lytton, was as follows:—"That this meeting calls upon the Government to grant 'facilities' for the Woman Suffrage Bill, now before Parliament, so that it may pass into law this session; and pledges itself, regardless of personal cost or sacrifice, to push forward the campaign for the emancipation of women until victory be won."

With one exception ("perhaps," remarked the Chairman, "Mr. F. E. Smith is present") the vast audience pledged itself enthusiastically to the resolution.

"Deeds not words" is the motto of the W.S.P.U., and the Treasurer, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, reminded the meeting that "money speaks." It accepted the challenge, and contributed £5,200 to the war chest. Other speakers were Miss Christabel Pankhurst and Miss Annie Kenney, and the Chairman struck a note of hopefulness for many by remarking that, as soon as the Women's Suffrage Bill was passed, other legal reforms which had been waiting for long weary years for women's votes to push them through would soon become law.

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