

with regard to this election is the kindness and honesty of those Governors who championed our cause. We owe them a debt of gratitude which we may not be able to repay, but which we shall never forget. Their courteous appreciation of the principle that animated our protest was a great comfort and satisfaction to us. The manner in which Lord Sandhurst received our protest is of little moment. It appears to have been expressive of the irritation of an angry man, vexed at the strength of the opposition aroused on all sides by the appointment.

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Progress of State Registration.

Nurses are once again indebted to Lord Ampthill for his advocacy of the cause of State Registration, in a convincing "Rejoinder" to Mr. Sydney Holland, in the current issue of the *Nineteenth Century and After*. Lord Ampthill writes:—

"It is not much use arguing with Mr. Sydney Holland, but he cannot be allowed to have the last word in the discussion of the question of State Registration of Nurses, for which this Review has afforded a useful opportunity.

"Mr. Sydney Holland began by announcing his intention of 'stating some of the arguments' against State Registration, and if he had carried out this intention it would be easier to frame a rejoinder. There is, however, very little trace of argument to be found in his article, which consists entirely of that species of chaff at which Mr. Holland is an adept, but which almost precludes serious discussion. Take, for instance, the passage in which he tries to make fun of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's statement that 'the want of organisation has produced a marked deterioration in the quality of women presenting themselves for training.' It is surely quite reasonable to argue that the higher the reputation of any profession or vocation, the better will be the class of persons who seek to adopt it, and that those who are able to qualify themselves for a profession which demands training and ability are not likely to seek employment in which ability and training are at a discount. Mr. Holland says that Miss Florence Nightingale was not deterred from becoming a nurse because State Registration did not exist in her day, and from this feeble proposition he seeks to draw the conclusion that Registration is unnecessary. Just as well might he argue that the Medical Acts were undesirable and unnecessary because great physicians like Hunter, Jenner, and Bright did without them.

"Mr. Holland says that he certainly 'does not want at the London Hospital any woman who cares so little for nursing the sick that she is deterred because she cannot be on a register.' It would be equally good argument to say that no young man ought to be admitted to the Army who cares so little for fighting that he entertains notions of military reform.

"It is hardly worth while to pursue Mr. Holland's so-called argument any further. It is easily summed up in the catch-phrase with which he has contrived to satisfy those whom he has prejudiced against Registration. That catch-phrase is, 'You cannot register character.'" After referring to the registration of other professional workers, Lord Ampthill writes:—"Mr. Holland knows perfectly well with what object the State supervision of all these professions has been undertaken, and he ought also to know that it has not only raised the standard of those professions by enforcing regular standards of efficiency, but also proved an immense and invaluable safeguard to the public at large."

Lord Ampthill concludes his article as follows:—"Finally, the readers of this Review can judge for themselves which is the more legitimate method of controversy: to charge those who disagree with you with 'prolonged and unreasonable opposition,' or to say that the contentions of your opponents are 'irresponsible' and 'spiteful chatter.'"

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will be in Glasgow next week, and upon the invitation of Miss Wright, Matron of Stobhill Hospital, will give an address to the Nursing Staff on the Educational and Economic Aspects of State Registration.

An Association of Trained Nurses in China.

Miss Maud Truxtun Henderson, graduate of the Boston City Hospital, writing from Wusih, Kiangsu, to the *American Journal of Nursing*, says:—

"I am writing to tell you of the step taken by the trained nurses in China in the formation of an association.

"The plans for an association have long been in the air, and now it has been formally organised. We call ourselves the Nurses' Association of China, hoping to be, before too long, the Nurses' Association in China. We have come together for the mutual help and inspiration and knowledge that can come to us through an association; and with the deep and earnest

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