

Meyer has watched with keen interest the Registration movement in this country, and is of opinion that the nurses of the United Kingdom will have their Registration Bill in the not far distant future.

Irish Nurses' Association.

The first business meeting of the season of the Irish Nurses' Association was held on October 8th, at 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, and was well attended. It was agreed to postpone the usual opening social meeting for a short time. The winter work and lectures were discussed, and it is hoped soon to have arranged an attractive and varied programme for the session. Several new members were admitted.

The Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association had a very enjoyable social meeting on Thursday in last week (the first of the winter programme), which was held at the Deaf and Dumb Institute, College Square, Belfast. Other social meetings will be held on November 24th and February 16th next. On October 20th, Dr. G. A. Hicks will lecture to members of the Association on the "Physiology of the Abdominal Organs," illustrated by models, at the Royal Victoria Hospital. On December 6th, Dr. V. G. Fielden will lecture to the Association on "Preventive Medicine," and in January, on a date to be fixed later, Dr. Cory Bigger will address the Association on the State Registration of Nurses.

Liberty of Conscience.

Now that October is here, renewed activity is evident in all the women's societies. The Nurses will, let us hope, throw all their spare energies into the registration campaign—a campaign which makes for professional justice. In the present year we have received sad evidence of the ingratitude of men for the life-long devotion to duty of a noble woman, together with the openly expressed determination to deprive women of professional promotion who dare to act according to conscience. Nothing but State protection for nurses can prevent the repetition of this tyrannical exercise of power upon the part of hospital governors who now control their daily lives. Once and for all, those who stand aside now from this stirring fight for right are unworthy. To all nurses who value honour we would say, Come out, stand up, speak out, go ahead, and win. Liberty of conscience is at stake. Starve rather than relinquish it.

Proposed Memorial to the late Miss Florence Nightingale, O.M.

The organisers of the proposed Imperial Memorial to Miss Florence Nightingale, O.M., have anticipated the public meeting to be held at Grosvenor House on October 28th, to discuss the form which this Memorial shall take, by issuing the statement which we publish below. This action is the more significant as, although it has been widely circulated amongst women's societies, and the general public, it has not been sent to the Organised Societies of Trained Nurses. It is not surprising, therefore, that amongst the printed list of supporters the names of no professional nurses appear, with the exception of that of the Acting Hon. Secretary. We print the proposed Scheme which is being sent out with the following circular letter:—

Temporary Offices:

21, Little Welbeck Street,
Cavendish Square, W.

MADAM,—I am enclosing you a paper which outlines the proposed Imperial Memorial to the late Miss Florence Nightingale, O.M., in connection with which his Grace the Duke of Westminster has kindly allowed a meeting to take place at Grosvenor House on Friday, October 28th, at 3 p.m.

Should the scheme meet with your sympathy, may I ask you to be so good as to sign the enclosed paper.

A list of those who are supporting the movement is enclosed, and I need scarcely add how much your patronage would be appreciated by the organisers of the Memorial.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient servant,

ETHEL McCAUL,
Acting Honorary Secretary.

PROPOSED SCHEME.

Men and women of the Empire, and without class distinction, are under a deep obligation to the Pioneer of Nursing. The privileged classes and the masses have benefited alike through the battlefields and hospitals of the Crimea. But victories glorious to the Nation must pale before the great conquest achieved solely by a noble woman's efforts. Florence Nightingale fulfilled a mission so great that it will only be fully comprehended as time moves on.

An adequate Memorial, which should comply with the wishes of the great but simple-hearted dead, should be of lasting benefit to the living, and thus perpetuate the memory of this heroic woman.

It is therefore proposed to ask for National support for a fund to be raised to the memory of the late Miss Nightingale, to render pecuniary assistance to aged Nurses, or those in-

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