

dent, Miss Leigh, applied for affiliation. Both Leagues were elected to membership.

The President welcomed Miss Leigh, who was present, and hoped both she and Miss Elma Smith would take their *ex-officio* seats on the Grand Council, and that each League would nominate two delegates to serve upon it at their next meeting.

#### THE NIGHTINGALE MEMORIAL.

A discussion took place on the proposed memorial to the late Miss Florence Nightingale, and a resolution was unanimously adopted, which it was agreed the Presidents of the sixteen affiliated societies of nurses should be invited to sign, and that it should be submitted to those responsible for the choice of a memorial.

#### THE REGISTRATION REUNION.

The President brought before the meeting the proposal to hold a Reunion in London on the 2nd of February next, in support of the Nurses' Registration Bill, and that the reasons why nurses desired legislation should be presented in spectacular form. She suggested how this could be carried out in an extremely interesting manner. The suggestion received the hearty approval of those present, and Miss Cox-Davies moved that the constituent societies do all in their power to make the scheme a success.

The Meeting then terminated.

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### A Nursing Pageant.

In order to test the amount of interest and support likely to be forthcoming for the organisation of a Pageant of the Evolution of Trained Nursing, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick placed an outline of the scheme suggested before an informal meeting of members of nursing associations and societies held last Saturday at 431, Oxford Street. So much interest was evinced that it was decided that such a pageant should be arranged, and several Superintendents and Matrons expressed their willingness to take the initiative in organising sections. We hope next week to be able to give some details of the scope of the scheme, and to enlist professional and public interest in making it a success.

A Dance under the auspices of the Scottish Nurses' Association will be held at the Charing Cross Halls, Glasgow, on the evening of Wednesday, November 23rd. Lady Ailsa will receive the guests, and the President of the Association, Sir William MacEwen, and Dr. McGregor Robertson, are interesting themselves in its success.

### The Nurse in Relation to her Patient.\*

By MISS C. M. IRONSIDE, M.B.

We have before us this afternoon that most important and interesting subject—personal influence; the relation of an individual life to other lives. Every life affects other lives. I suppose we all acknowledge this. True, a large amount of the influence of any life is unintentional and unconscious, but it is none the less real and forceful for that.

Have you ever considered upon what this personal influence depends? It depends upon the real character of the person. The influence that really *tells* is not what we say or do, but what we *are*. Not what we seem to be, nor even what we wish to be, but what we really are. Is not this a very heart-searching thought, however apparently small our sphere of influence may be?

But you to whom I speak have *not* a small sphere, but a great, wide, noble sphere. Each of your lives touches *many* other lives; touches them, too, under circumstances that make them specially susceptible to your influence.

What do you desire should be the effect of this special relationship to others? Do you want your influence to be an uplifting and ennobling one, or the reverse? Surely, there can be only one answer. We all wish to do the best we can with our lives.

But how attain to our desire? How be so pure and true, so unselfish and full of sympathy, and withal so natural and human, that weak, erring, shallow human souls who feel our influence shall be strengthened and deepened and raised to a life worth living?

Of whom do these words remind you? "Pure—true—unselfish—full of sympathy—and so human"?

They remind me of One who has exerted the profoundest, the most uplifting, and the tenderest influence on mankind that we know of. *What if we could live Christ's life?* What if we could *be* something of what He was—and is—to men? Does not this express all, and more than all, of what we desire our personal influence to be?

In the midst of endless difficulties, doubtings, disputings, men and women everywhere unite in reverent admiration of the Personality of Jesus Christ, and many who do not own Him Lord and Master would fain copy that life, and see it lived again on earth. But

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