

This Council further considers that National Societies composed of trained nurses should have representation on a Committee which is to organise a Memorial to the Founder of the Profession of which they are the working units.

SIGNATORIES.

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In Memoriam.

The Governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital have placed a bronze tablet, in memory of Miss Isla Stewart, in the Church of St. Bartholomew-the-Less, W. Smithfield (the parish church of the hospital). It is placed on the pillar near the pew which Miss Stewart occupied, when attending service there, for so many years, and it was in accordance with her known wish that any memorial to her should be in this position. The tablet, which is of conventional design, is engraved with the Stewart coat of arms, with the thistle, the national flower of Scotland, on either side, and bears the following inscription:—"In Memory of Isla Stewart, for 23 years (from 1887—1910) Matron and Superintendent of Nursing at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, who died on the 6th March, 1910. This tablet is erected by the Governors, as a token of respect and esteem. 'High sacrifice, and labour without pause, even to the death.' July, 1910."

A Nursing Masque.

THE EVOLUTION OF TRAINED NURSING.

It has been decided that my proposal to present a Nursing Masque of the Evolution of Trained Nursing in support of the Bill for the Registration of Trained Nurses, shall be organised by a small Committee of Matrons and Nurses, each of whom will be responsible for the details of a section.

The Society for the State Registration of Nurses will take the initiative in organisation, and should there be a surplus when all expenses are paid, it will be used for furthering the passage of the Nurses' Registration Bill through Parliament.

The Masque will demonstrate that Health is the *right* of Life, that Ignorance is primarily responsible for Disease, that to get Truth and Knowledge is therefore an imperative duty.

ORDER OUT OF CHAOS.

According to Ovid, at first the sea, the earth, and the heaven, which covers all things, were the only face of Nature throughout the whole universe, which men have called Chaos; a rude and undigested mass, and nothing more than an inert weight, and the discordant atoms of things not harmonising, heaped together in the same spot. No Sun as yet gave light to the world, nor did the Moon by increasing, recover her horns anew. The Earth did not as yet hang in the surrounding air, balanced by its own weight, nor had Amphitrite, Goddess of the Ocean, stretched out her arms along the lengthened margin of the coasts. Wherever, too, was the land, there also was the sea and the air; and thus was the earth without firmness, the sea unnavigable, the air void of light; in no one of them did its present form exist. And one was ever obstructing the other; because in the same body the cold was striving with the hot, the moist with the dry, the soft with the hard, things having weight with those devoid of weight.

To this discord God and bounteous Nature put an end; for He separated the earth from the heavens, and the waters from the earth, and distinguished the clear heavens from the gross atmosphere. And after He had unravelled these elements and released them from that confused heap, He combined them, thus dis-jointed, in harmonious unison, each in its proper place. The element of the vaulted heaven, fiery and without weight, shone forth, and selected a place for itself in the highest region: next after it, both in lightness and in place, was the air; the Earth was more weighty than these, and drew with it the more ponderous atoms, and was pressed together by its own

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