

candidates were depreciated personally. One was described as a "chronic invalid," another "too ill-tempered," another "lacking in tact," and so on. Who primarily made these intentionally damaging statements. The more this matter is considered the more unscrupulous it appears.

We regret to learn that several Sisters at St. Bartholomew's Hospital have sent in their resignations, to take effect on October 1st, as they do not wish to work under the new regime. Their action can cause no surprise, and indeed self-respect naturally prompts such a course

The Week End has a very pertinent article on the Bart's scandal, and asks how the Treasurer, Lord Sandhurst, can reconcile his approval of the new appointment with the fact that he, as Chairman of the Select Committee of the House of Lords on Metropolitan Hospitals, in 1892, recommended that the three years' training standard should be adopted.

The Matrons' Council.

A meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland will be held at the General Hospital, Birmingham, on Saturday, July 16th, at 3 p.m., at which the new President and Vice-Presidents will be elected. Tea will be at 4 p.m., after which an Open Meeting will be held at which Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will speak on The Educational and Economic Aspects of the State Registration of Trained Nurses, and Miss Mollett will discuss the clauses of the Registration Bill now before Parliament. Miss Musson, the Matron of the General Hospital, will be pleased to welcome any who are interested in the subject, and will be glad if any nurses who have not received notices will notify to her their intention of attending the meeting. The wards may be visited during the afternoon.

Seats will be reserved for all those members of the Council who have notified Mrs. Spencer that they intend to travel by the non-stop excursion train leaving Euston Station for Birmingham at 11.45 on Saturday, 16th inst., the compartments will be marked "Matrons' Council, reserved." The return ticket is 5s. It is hoped there will be quite a representative party, and no doubt it will be full of life and spirits as the members of the Council usually are. Miss Mollett returns from Germany in time to take part in the meeting, and the President elect, Miss Heather-Bigg, Matron of Charing Cross Hospital, will take part in the proceedings.

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the offices on Friday, July 8th, at 4 p.m., Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, in the chair.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

"Since the last meeting of the Executive Committee the Annual Meeting of the Society has been held, at which the Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson presided, and gave an address which was eloquent testimony to the work and personality of our late President, Miss Isla Stewart. The attendance at the meeting was the largest on record.

"A resolution passed at that meeting, calling the attention of the public and of Parliament to the injury done to well-trained nurses by the exploitation of their uniform, and to reputable nursing homes and nurses by the use of bogus nursing homes and massage houses for criminal and vicious purposes, has been sent to every member of the Government with a covering letter which pointed out that the lack of educational standards and status for nurses is acting most detrimentally on the quality of candidates for training, and that until means are established whereby nurses who have given evidence of having satisfactorily passed through an adequate professional education and training are dissociated in the public mind from inefficient and unskilled workers, as well as from criminal and immoral persons, many carefully brought up girls of the high standard required will naturally hesitate to adopt nursing as a profession, to the loss of the community, which requires highly conscientious service upon the part of its nurses. It was intimated to the Government that if added to the Statute Book the Nurses' Registration Act would be a measure of the greatest public utility to the credit of any Government during whose term of office it became law.

"It is a pleasure to record that Mr. R. C. Munro-Ferguson, M.P., who has charge of the Nurses' Registration Bill in the House of Commons, has been appointed a Privy Councillor by the King.

"The Special £100 Registration Fund has now been closed, £104 7s. having been received.

"The appointment of a lady holding only a two years' certificate of training from the London Hospital to the position of Matron and Superintendent of Nursing at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where the three years' standard of training and certification has been in force for close on thirty years, places in the hands of registrationists the very strongest argument possible for the establishment by Act of Parliament of a governing body for the nursing profession, empowered to define and maintain efficient nursing standards which cannot be trifled with by irresponsible and ignorant persons to the serious depreciation of a nursing school and the status of its nurses.

"The Council of the British Medical Association, through the good offices of Dr. Goodall, has courteously consented to the request of this Society to hold a meeting on the question of the

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