

The Morning Leader.—"The towns have had their pageants, and now, it seems, the professions may follow their example. Why not a pageant on the evolution of the doctor, or the statesman, or the printer? Certainly the Pageant and Masque given at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, on Saturday, to show the 'Evolution of Trained Nursing and the Right of Life to Health' was very picturesque.

The Pall Mall Gazette.—"The various dresses, on which great care had been expended, were most striking. The procession contained a notable number of handsome women. Sairey Gamp, a part played with great humour, gained great applause in company with Betsey Prig. The whole Pageant,

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Miss SCHULLER,
Germany.

Miss MACBETH, R.N.,
New Zealand.

Miss BOWDEN,
The United States of America.
(Graduate, Long Island Hospital, N.Y.)

Miss DUNSFORD,
Belgium.

which was an unqualified success, was designed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. The words, which ended with a moving appeal for State Registration, and included almost everything that could be said in favour of nursing, were by Miss M. Mollett."

T.P.'s Weekly.—"Apart, however, from the question of a programme which provides a delightful evening's entertainment, the matter of Registration of Nurses is one which so intimately concerns women that a special effort ought to be made to support it all one can. We all recognise the thin line which in serious illness divides life from death, and how the very slightest error on the part

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talk of the adventuress or semi-adventuress, who too often exploits the uniform. There are few households where there has been illness that have not tales to tell of nurses they have known—not bogey tales by any means, but just that chance had sent their way some of the hangers-on of the profession. Of course, it can be said that it is one's own fault not to make proper inquiries, but in an emergency the most businesslike will take the best to hand. I do not wonder that nurses have taken up the question of Registration with such energy and enthusiasm. In a profession where complete capability means long training and very hard work there should be

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