

Progress of State Registration.

The Nurses' Registration Bill was put down for a second reading in the House of Commons by Mr. R. C. Munro Ferguson on Monday, but this was only formal, as until the great Constitutional question is settled educational and social reforms will be put aside.

The Bill (price twopence) is now in print, and can be purchased either directly, or through any bookseller, from Wyman and Sons, Ltd., Fetter Lane, E.C.

Should the Women's Enfranchisement Bill become law this session, and there is every hope that it will, questions affecting the status and well-being of women, and incidentally the well-being of the whole community will then have a driving force behind them which can compel consideration. As an intelligent class of women, we should do wisely therefore to concentrate all spare effort on furthering the passage through Parliament of our Enfranchisement Bill.

League News.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the first issue of the *League Journal* of the Hendon Branch of the Central London Sick Asylum Nurses' League, and offer our congratulations to the Editor, Miss A. S. Brown, on the excellent manner in which it is edited and produced. The members are also to be congratulated on possessing the fine portrait of Miss Elma Smith, President of the League, and Matron of the Hendon Infirmary, which forms the frontispiece of the Journal. By a happy inspiration a member has suggested that the initial letters inscribed on the badge of the League (which is reproduced on the cover), "C.L.S.A.," shall stand for Courage, Loyalty, Sympathy, and Action, and this has been adopted as the motto of the League. We rejoice that as stated in the Secretary's report, "the first year of the League's life which is just closing has been an altogether successful one, and full of promise for the future."

At the annual meeting of the School Nurses' League, recently held in the Library at the Education Offices of the London County Council, 56 members were present. After tea, which is always appreciated, the first business was the election of a President, Miss Pearse's term of office having expired.

The chair was taken by the Vice-President, Miss Buxton, and Miss Marsland proposed

that Miss Pearse be re-elected; this was seconded by Miss Parkman, and carried unanimously. Miss Pearse then took the chair. A vote of thanks to her for her services to the League during the past three years was then proposed, seconded, and enthusiastically carried. Miss Pearse thanked the members for re-electing her, and spoke of the pleasure she always derived from the meetings.

The Secretary, Miss R. B. Downing, then read a short account of the year's work. The League is prospering and growing. It has a membership of 61, and 14 newly appointed school nurses have announced their intention of joining it.

Miss Parkman, the Treasurer, then presented the balance sheet, which showed the League to be flourishing financially.

Miss Layton, the Secretary of the Benevolent Fund, read a highly satisfactory report for the year. Two entertainments which had been held had added considerably to the funds. Several members had derived benefit.

Miss Pearse then put to the meeting, and it was finally decided, that the League members' annual subscription should be reduced from 3s. to 2s. 6d., and the entrance fee from 2s. to 1s. This was made possible by the increase of membership, and it was thought desirable in view of the fact that nurses who, perhaps for the first time, were learning what it meant to manage their own income, might be kept from joining on account of expense.

The election of three extra members for the Executive Committee was the next business. Voting resulted in the election of Miss Layton, Miss Goodlass, and Miss P. C. Rancecroft.

Miss Pearse then gave a most interesting account of the Nursing Masque and its object, and spoke most eloquently of the need of registration of nurses for both patients and nurses.

At the recent Sale of Work in aid of the sick and invalidity fund of the Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League, the well stocked stalls were in charge of the following ladies, under the general superintendence of Miss Forrest, President of the League:—

Mixed Fancy Stall: Sister Dobbin and Sister Margaret.

Woollen Stall: Nurse Nelson Edwards and Miss Martin.

Fancy Work Stall: Mrs. Balston and Sister Fergusson.

Advertisements and Provisions Stall: Nurse McDonald and Miss Love.

Parcels Stall: Nurse Holmes and Nurse Baldry.

Tea Stall: Miss F. H. Walker.

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