

Bill, that all nurses, like all medical practitioners, must have a basis of general training, to which specialities can and should be added. It is certain that if the principle of the registration of specialists were admitted it would be fatal to the best interests of both patients and nurses.

THE NIGHTINGALE MEMORIAL.

The Resolution relative to the Nightingale Memorial, passed unanimously at our last meeting, was forwarded to the Hon. Secretary of the proposed Imperial Memorial with an explanatory letter, with the request that it should be brought before the meeting convened to discuss the question of a suitable memorial on November 1st. With incredible discourtesy the letter was not even acknowledged.

PROGRESS OUTSIDE THE UNITED KINGDOM.

In Canada Miss Bella Crosby, the new Editor of *The Canadian Nurse*, the organ of every association of nurses in the Dominion of Canada, and the President of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Ontario, is actively working to secure registration, and a Bill has been drafted for introduction into the legislature of the Province of Ontario, legislation in Canada following the same lines as in the United States, with separate Bills for the different provinces.

It is interesting to realise that under the New York Bill the various training schools, which come up to the standard required by the State Board, are recognised and registered. The result is that those schools which have not attained the standard entitling them to registration, do not get the best pupils, and have therefore a direct incentive to improve their teaching.

The nurses of the Australian States are also interesting themselves in securing registration, and in Victoria, New South Wales, and Western Australia, Bills have been drafted with this object.

The Nurses' Associations in India are also demanding this reform, so that by the time the Mother of Parliaments in this country has settled her new Constitution, it is probable she will find that the majority of our self-governing colonies have enacted laws which, by defining the standard required of registered nurses, will protect the sick from incompetent attendants.

It is one more proof of the terrible economic dependence of nurses in the British Isles that though they were the first to claim the necessity for registration, they will be nearly the last to secure legal status, owing to the precedence given to legislation in which men who have the vote are directly interested.

Ultimately legislation is inevitable, and until it is attained we can be working and organising, as many of our hospital Matrons are doing, to obtain increased educational facilities for nurses.

It is certain, however, and increasingly so every year, as the economic dependence of nurses comes to be better understood, that the public must help them to obtain the legislation, which is primarily for the public benefit. There is a strong and growing feeling that the monopoly of profit from the skilled labour of nurses, which is at present largely in the hands of hospital managers, is

the real cause of much of the opposition to registration.

THE NURSING PAGEANT.

The Nursing Pageant and Masque, held in the Connaught Rooms on February 18th, which was fully reported in the press at the time, was unanimously pronounced an unqualified success. Already it has been translated into German, and, with the consent of the collaborators, it is hoped to reproduce it in Berlin, and as those present were much impressed with its historical value, it is hoped that it may be also produced elsewhere.

The adoption of the report having been proposed by Mrs. Shuter, and seconded by Miss Cartwright, the following resolution was proposed from the chair, and carried unanimously:

That a most cordial vote of thanks be tendered to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss M. Mollett; to Mrs. Fenwick for the genius which conceived, designed, and organised the Nursing Pageant, and for the unsparing hard work which resulted in its conspicuous success; and to Miss Mollett for the application of her great literary ability and professional knowledge to the production of the words of the Masque, the joint result being that much interest has been gained for, and attention directed to, the question of the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

The Report was adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters were received from Lord Amptill, G.C.S.I., Miss E. S. Haldane, LL.D., Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Musson, Miss Pell-Smith, and others.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

The following new members were elected:—

No.	Name.	Where Trained.
2957	Miss B. M. Tompson, cert.,	Nottingham General Hosp.
2958	Miss M. Rushe, cert.,	Central London Sick Asylum, Hendon.
2959	Miss V. Barugh, cert.,	St. Bartholomew's Hosp.
2960	Miss M. Willner, cert.,	Union Infirmary, Wolverhampton.
2961	Miss E. Heath, cert.,	Central London Sick Asylum, Hendon.
2962	Miss A. Howard, cert.,	" " "
2962	Miss I. Aytoun, cert.,	St. Bartholomew's Hosp.
2964	Miss M. M. North, cert.,	St. Mary's Hosp.
2965	Mrs. G. L. de Segundo, cert.,	St. Bartholomew's Hosp.
2966	Miss A. E. Schuller, cert.,	Central London Sick Asylum, Cleveland Street, W.
2967	Miss A. Atack, cert.,	Royal Inf., Manchester.
2968	Miss M. G. Gibson, cert.,	St. Bartholomew's Hosp.
2969	Miss V. Adams, cert.,	" " "
2970	Miss P. Pearce, cert.,	" " "
2971	Miss D. G. Johnson, cert.,	" " "
2972	Miss M. E. C. Storr, cert.,	" " "
2973	Miss D. M. Livock, cert.,	" " "
2974	Miss M. E. Hills, cert.,	" " "
2975	Mrs. L. Maxwell	St. John, R.R.C., trained General Hosp., Birmingham.

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