

Fathers. Let us hope they will respond with their usual generosity, and make it possible to erect a statue of sufficient quality and beauty, to be worthy of the memory of the great woman who has done more for the health of nations and comfort of humanity than any single human being has ever done.

But what of the boasted generosity of the British people? Rather what of their callous indifference to the most exalted genius and virtue when combined in a woman?

We may have the statue, but never now can it be the outward and visible sign of that enthusiastic appreciation of the splendid talents and work of Florence Nightingale which should have inspired a magnificent response from an intelligent and generous nation. Whatever the faults of the Executive Committee—and its stupidity has been astounding—we cannot exonerate the nation. It stands convicted of base ingratitude, which no future spurring of gallows to the rescue can redeem.

### THE SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Thursday, 19th October, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in the Chair.

#### THE REPORT.

The report, which touched on various topics of interest, was presented by the President. It stated that thanks to the good offices of Miss M. S. Rundle, the Isla Stewart Scholar, Dr. Winford H. Smith, Superintendent of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, U.S.A., had delivered a most encouraging address to English nurses in July, on "Nursing in America, and State Registration of Nurses," in which he stated, that amongst the good things accomplished by State Registration was that it had given recognition to nursing as a profession, and helped to distinguish it from a handicraft. The standardisation of schools had resulted in better training schools, to which a legalised status had been accorded, trained nurses had been helped to form a legalised body, to fight for better conditions, candidates for training had been deterred from being led, or lured, to some private establishment, where there is no sufficiency of training facilities, and skilled nurses had been differentiated from those who had never had definite training, and from self-styled nurses. It was reasonable to expect, therefore, that the passing of a Nurses' Regis-

tration Act would have the same beneficial effect in this country as—we are informed by the head of one of the principal hospitals in the United States—it has had in America.

In the United States, Oregon has been added to the States in which Nurses' Registration Laws have been passed. In New Jersey the Bill passed the House, but was rejected by the Senate—it will, of course, be brought forward again next Session. Registration is now in force in thirty States, all the Acts having come into force within the last ten years.

The latest report from New South Wales is that it is hoped the Nurses' Registration Bill may be made a Government measure for the present Session.

Members of the Society, having learnt with regret of the accident which had occurred to Lord Ampthill, Chairman of the Central Committee for Registration, it was reported that Lady Ampthill had written a reassuring letter in which she said that Lord Ampthill was now going on towards recovery very well indeed.

The death of Mrs. Ramsay Macdonald was deeply regretted. As Vice-President she took a deep interest in the work of the Society, and shortly before her death had written to say she would do all in her power to further its objects. On behalf of the Society, a beautiful chaplet of white lilies and crimson geraniums had been sent to the funeral.

The principal questions to come before the Triennial Meeting of the International Council and Nursing Congress, at Cologne, were notified—as contained in Miss Dock's letter in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING on 21st Oct.

The report was adopted.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were elected:—

No.	Name.	Where Trained.
3028.	Miss A. W. Wallace, cert.	Western Inf., Glasgow.
3029.	Miss F. MacMillan, cert.	Royal Inf., Glasgow.
3030.	Miss A. Maud M. Davies, cert.	General Hosp., Birmingham.
3031.	Miss M. Cunliffe, cert.	Prescot Union Inf.
3032.	Miss A. Gibson, cert.	General Hosp., Croydon.
3033.	Miss E. Harper, cert.	Chalmers' Hosp., Banff.
3034.	Miss E. Hipkins, cert.	Union Inf., Wolverhampton.
3035.	Miss E. E. Micklem, cert.	Addenbrooke's Hosp., Cambridge.
3036.	Miss M. W. Foster, cert.	Fir Vale Hosp., Sheffield.
3037.	Miss E. H. Gouldburn, cert.	Salford Union Inf.
3038.	Miss M. E. Exon, cert.	District Inf., Ashton-under-Lyne.

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