

The Committee also strongly felt that the work and expert advice of trained nurses is so essential to the successful working of a National Health Act—for on them will depend the practical application of the medical treatment prescribed—that the presence of a fully trained nurse on the Advisory Committee to be constituted on the passing of the Act is most imperative. The Committee ventures to hope, therefore, that when the Insurance Commissioners nominate the members of the Advisory Committee it will have the support of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, already extended to midwives, in its plea for the appointment of a trained nurse on the Committee.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
ETHEL G. FENWICK,
Chairman of Committee.

As the time is very short before Clause 17 will be considered on the Report Stage of the National Insurance Bill, may we invite Leagues of nurses and others to support the amendment and the claim for representation on the Advisory Committee, adopted by the Nurses' Protection Committee, *at once*.

LEICESTER INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

At the Autumn Meeting of the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League, held on Monday, October 30th, with Mr. C. J. Bond in the chair, a most interesting address was given by Mr. D. J. Pennant, Hon. Secretary to Q.V.J.N.I., on "The Insurance Bill and how it will affect Nurses."

A large number of nurses and others interested in the question, amongst them the Chairman, Sir Edward Wood, accepted the invitation of the Council to be present.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

I. "That, in the opinion of this Meeting, it is advisable that nurses should join an approved Society, such Society consisting of members connected with the Nursing Profession."

II. "That the words 'fully trained' be inserted before the word 'nurse,' in Clause 17, so that it may read:

"It shall be lawful for an approved society to grant such subscriptions or donations as it may think fit to hospitals and other charitable institutions, or for the support of district nurses, and to appoint *fully trained* nurses for the purpose of visiting insured persons who are members of the society, and any sum so expended shall be treated as expenditure on such benefits under this Part of this Act as may be prescribed."

J. W. DAVIES, *Sec.*

THE ISLA STEWART ORATION.

Miss Annie Damer, past President of the American Nurses' Association, has been invited, and has consented, to take part in the Ceremony of the Isla Stewart Oration, at the Guildhall, on November 24th. It was hoped that Miss Snively, President of the Canadian Trained Nurses' Association, might also have been able to attend, but much to her regret she will be unable to be present. The Lyceum Club executive have elected Lady Beachcroft, wife of a former Chairman of the London County Council, and the Society of Women Journalists their new President, Mrs. Charles Perrin, to represent them at the Oration. Other prominent societies of women are also being invited to honour the memory of Miss Isla Stewart, by nominating one of their number to be present on the occasion.

MEMORIAL TO MISS NIGHTINGALE.

The Earl of Pembroke, Chairman of the Nightingale Memorial Fund, has issued another appeal to the public in support of the Fund. He makes the very welcome announcement that the Board of Works has granted a most appropriate site upon which to erect a statue of Miss Nightingale, immediately opposite the Guards' Crimean Memorial, facing Pall Mall, between the Athenæum and Senior United Service Club. That statue is estimated to cost £6,000, a very moderate sum for a work of the highest artistic merit—a sum one regrets has not been spontaneously contributed. Now, however, that the site has been secured we have no doubt the money will be forthcoming for the memorial to this great Englishwoman.

It is to be regretted that the charity scheme, calculated to pauperise trained nurses, is still included in the memorial. If there ever was an occasion upon which trained nurses might have been permitted to appeal to the public in their true, hard-working, self-respecting character, it was in inviting their financial support in memory of one of the greatest educationalists of the age—through whose scientific genius the suffering of the world has been so wonderfully decreased. Patronage and pauperism for ever go hand-in-hand, and the spirit of the former has done more to undermine the professional standards of Miss Nightingale, and to counteract her teaching, than can be estimated.

Her Majesty, Queen Alexandra has contributed £100 to the Nightingale Memorial Fund.

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