

was required to carry the Nurses' Registration Bill into law, as they had so many friends there in favour of it.

It was hopeful to know that during the past ten years 36 Nurses' Registration Acts had been passed in South Africa, New Zealand, United States of America, Germany and Belgium, that several Bills were now before Australasian State Legislatures, and, said Mrs. Fenwick, as State Registration was now inevitable, "let us hope this country will not be the last to carry the reform!"

At the end of the address several interesting questions were asked and replied to.

STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

The following resolutions were then put to the meeting and carried unanimously:—

I. "That the members of the General Hospital Birmingham Nurses' League, in general meeting assembled, beg to urge upon the Government the urgent necessity for the passing of the Nurses' Registration Bill next session."

Proposed by Miss K. G. Lloyd.

Seconded by Miss Marriott.

NURSES AND THE NATIONAL INSURANCE BILL.

II. "That the members of the General Hospital Birmingham Nurses' League beg respectfully to urge the Chancellor of the Exchequer to place the words 'fully trained' before the words 'District Nurses' and 'Nurses' in Clause 17 of the National Insurance Bill."

Proposed by Miss McFarlane.

Seconded by Miss Hadley.

III. "That the Members of the General Hospital Birmingham Nurses' League plead that a thoroughly trained Nurse may be placed upon the Advisory Committee, which is to be nominated by the Insurance Commissioners under the National Insurance Bill."

Proposed by Miss Gardner.

Seconded by Miss Carless.

It was agreed to send resolution 1 to the Prime Minister, and resolutions 2 and 3 to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was proposed by Miss Hannath, seconded by Miss Dockrell, and carried by acclamation.

MISS NIGHTINGALE'S STATUE.

Miss Musson then said that, as a suitable site had been granted in London for Miss Nightingale's statue, she was prepared to receive subscriptions to the Nightingale Memorial Fund, which she considered should be ear-marked for the statue.

After the meeting a most tasteful and tasty tea was served in the Board Room, when Miss Musson and her staff were most kind and hospitable, and the members of the League and other friends greatly enjoyed the re-union.

It is indisputable that the General Hospital, Birmingham, and the Nurses' Home are under experienced control. The order and cleanliness are perfect, and their management is an example of what may be accomplished by expert official supervision of the highest order.

THE ISLA STEWART ORATION.

The great demand for tickets to attend the Isla Stewart Oration on the 24th inst. is a gratifying evidence of the sincere appreciation of the Nursing Profession at large, of the life-long work of Miss Isla Stewart for its advancement, and of her devotion to the care of the sick. Already more seats will have to be requisitioned. There will be a very representative platform. Miss Haughton, Guy's Hospital, will represent the Irish Nurses' Association, and Lady Hermione Blackwood the Ulster Branch of the Association, and the Presidents of almost every Society and League forming the National Council of Nurses have signified their intention of being present. Lady Dimsdale, Vice-Chair, Executive Committee, Territorial Force Nursing Service, City and County of London; Lady Strachey, President, Women's Local Government Society; and many other eminent women are to be present.

A STATE REGISTRATION BADGE.

Many members have from time to time enquired if the Society for the State Registration of Nurses had its own Badge. So far registrationists have had no distinguishing badge, but why not? A pretty brooch with "State Registration of Nurses" enamelled clearly on it, might prove most useful. It would call forth enquiry from the public; patients and others would say, "Oh! State Registration, what does it mean, why do you want it?" etc., and members would then be able to reply, and say, amongst other things, "First we want to be able to give you a guarantee that we have been efficiently trained; and then we think the State should recognise how indispensable our work for the community is in preventing and nursing sickness, and distinguish the thoroughly trained nurse by a legal title—for preference 'Registered Nurse'—so that we may enjoy the privileges we have worked so hard to gain." We shall be pleased to hear from members of the State Society, what they think of the adoption of a badge. The President is in favour of it.

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