

Act, yet no standard of efficiency is required. She showed that the emergencies with which school nurses are confronted necessitate a high standard of training and knowledge. At present the qualifications covered by certificates have to be largely taken on trust. The establishment of a State Register which would give a guarantee that the nurse registered had passed through a prescribed curriculum would be an enormous advantage.

Discussion was then invited, and several Members of Parliament asked questions, which were replied to by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the points discussed being the composition of the Registration Board, the registration of specialists, and the difficulty of registering the personal character and qualities of the nurse. Mrs. Fenwick showed that a pupil is required to produce references on entering a training school, and is under close observance during the years of her training. There is no reason to suppose that these trained and tested women will deteriorate after registration, but in all professions there are some black sheep, and under a State system of Registration means would be provided to remove them from their professional Register in cases of gross misconduct. The system would also perfect the chain of safety for the sick provided by the registration of medical practitioners and of pharmacists. Mrs. Fenwick pointed out that to limit a nurse's training to special work only is unfair to her. All should have a foundation of general training, but it is probable that under a Nurses' Registration Act several curricula qualifying for registration will be defined, including general and alternative special training, such as infectious or maternity nursing. It seems likely that reciprocal training between the general and special hospitals will have to be adopted in the future, as the specialities, especially the infectious group, are now being eliminated from the general hospitals. This co-ordination of the various interests can, however, only be brought about by a Central Council, having the authority of the State.

Miss Waind and Miss Kingsford also took part in the discussion, and Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson said she felt quite competent to find out whether her nurse had tact and other desirable qualities. What she desired guaranteed to her was professional skill and knowledge.

Votes of thanks to the speakers, and to Mr. R. C. and Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson for so kindly arranging the meeting, concluded the proceedings.

In addition to the many Members of Parliament present Lady Helen received very warm messages of regret at absence from a great number.

THE SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were elected at the Annual Meeting on June 7th:—

No.	Name.	Where Trained.
3119.	Miss E. M. Warneford, cert.	Warneford Hosp., Leamington.
3120.	Miss A. Dobie, cert.	Chorlton Union Inf., Manchester.
3121.	Miss E. J. Cauty, cert.	Northern Hosp., Liverpool.
3122.	Miss E. M. Thomas, cert.	County Hosp., Durham. <i>Matron</i> , Peterborough Isolation Hosp.
3123.	Miss I. M. Cole, cert.	Roy. Hants County Hosp., Winchester.
3124.	Miss M. Harvey, cert.	Leicester Inf.
3125.	Miss L. A. Wade, cert.	Norfolk and Norwich General Hospital.
3126.	Miss R. H. Newlands, cert.	Roy. Inf., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
3127.	Miss S. E. P. Tucker, cert.	St. Giles' Inf., Camberwell.
3128.	Miss M. E. Hirst, cert.	London Homœo. Hosp.
3129.	Miss A. du Sautoy, cert.	Guy's Hosp.
3130.	Miss S. H. Mitchell, cert.	Roy. Inf., Edinburgh.
3131.	Miss C. E. Jennings, cert.	General Inf., Chester.
3132.	Miss C. M. Gordon, cert.	Cumberland Inf., Carlisle.
3133.	Miss E. Bradley, cert.	David Lewis Northern Hosp.
3134.	Miss B. M. Goldsmith, cert.	St. Barthol.'s Hosp., London.
3135.	Miss M. Acton, cert.	St. Barthol.'s Hosp., Rochester.
3136.	Miss C. Allen, cert.	Hackney Inf., Homerton.
3137.	Miss M. McNelis, cert.	St. Luke's Hosp., Halifax.
3138.	Miss A. C. Middleton, cert.	Kensington Inf.
3139.	Miss B. S. Garner, cert.	Essex County Hosp., Colchester.
3140.	Miss M. E. Sands, cert.	Hope Hosp., Manchester.
3141.	Miss R. E. Dible, cert.	Southwark Inf.
3142.	Miss E. L. Barwise, cert.	Warneford Hosp., Leamington.
3143.	Miss R. M. Morris, cert.	Birmingham Inf.
3144.	Miss A. Farmer, cert.	Holborn Infirmary, Highgate.
3145.	Miss L. S. Kelly, cert.	Belfast Inf.
3146.	Miss S. McCay, cert.	City of Dublin Nursing Inst.
3147.	Miss C. L. Willoughby, cert.	Lewisham Inf.
3148.	Miss E. M. Edwards, cert.	Cent. London Sick Asylum, Hendon.
3149.	Miss A. Dovey, cert.	Roy. Berkshire Hosp., Reading.
3150.	Miss K. Armstrong, cert.	Cent. London Sick Asylum, Hendon.

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