

approved Society can be formed, defined in Clauses 23, 26 and 39 of the Act.

The question before the meeting is—whether the meeting thinks there is a reasonable chance of a sufficient number of nurses joining to form an approved society for nurses under the Act—to make such a society a success. If this meeting thinks it good to form an approved society, I should suggest that it might appoint the Nurses' Protection Committee to draw up a definite scheme, I should propose on the following lines—to lay before the Insurance Commissioners:—

1.—That the Society be called "The Trained Nurses' Friendly Society."

2.—That it be formed of nurses, either trained or being trained, in hospitals, infirmaries, or allied institutions.

3.—That no attempt be made on the part of the Society to contract with the medical profession for professional attendance, but that members be at liberty to make their own arrangements for treatment during illness, receiving a money grant, or increased sickness benefit from the Society for that purpose.

4.—That as soon as the number of members reach 1,000 or so, a ballot shall be taken to elect the governing body, and until such time the Nurses' Protection Committee shall act for the "Nurses' Friendly Society"; and that the prospective members make every effort to raise a sufficient sum of money for the initial expenses of such a society.

#### DISCUSSION.

At the conclusion of Miss Mollett's paper, as soon as the meeting was thrown open, questions flew thick and fast, and it was evident that all present were keenly interested in the Act, and in the manner in which it would affect them.

The Chairman pointed out that it was for the nursing profession to decide whether they would manage their own affairs, or would have them managed for them. The best thing about the Act was that it permitted insured persons to manage their own Societies and she was strongly in favour of the formation of a Nurses' Friendly Society. At the conclusion of the discussion the Chairman said that to bring matters to a practical issue she would take the opinion of the meeting on the points Miss Mollett had raised. She then asked—

1. Whether the meeting was in favour of the formation of a Trained Women Nurses' Friendly Society?

The voting was unanimously in the affirmative.

2. Whether the meeting was in favour of inviting the Trained Nurses' Protection Committee to draw up a scheme for the formation of such a society?

The meeting voted in favour with one dissentient.

It was agreed that the request should be conveyed to the Committee.

If such society is formed a generous donor has offered £20 toward the initial expenses.

A Meeting of the Trained Nurses' Protection Committee has been summoned for January 31st.

## THE QUEEN-EMPRESS AND THE MINTO NURSING ASSOCIATION.

We have received the following official information:—Her Imperial Majesty has been pleased to accept a copy of the Annual Report (1911) of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association. The presentation was made at Government House on Tuesday afternoon, January 2nd, by Her Excellency the Lady Hardinge of Penshurst, the Lady President, attended by Mrs. Edwin Davies, the Chief Lady Superintendent. The copy was printed on special paper and very handsomely bound in a creamy white morocco. The outer cover, at each corner, had a lotus blossom in blocked gold, besides other decorative work, and in the centre a monogram, a double "M" interlaced, one letter in Star of India blue and the other in the tint associated with the Order of the Indian Empire—both in enamel—and above the monogram a Tudor Crown, all in solid gold. The volume rested in a case of royal blue morocco, lined with white satin, with the Crown and Royal Arms on the lid, altogether a most artistic production.

The Report includes a portrait of Lady Hardinge, prepared by the Survey Department, also a facsimile letter recently addressed by Her Excellency to the Lady Presidents and Honorary Secretaries of the local branches appealing for more subscribers, besides several other features of special interest.

The Queen-Empress has always taken a personal interest in the Minto Nursing Association, and the present instance of this will, it may be hoped, stimulate that of the public for whose benefit the Association has been brought into existence.

## THE LEAGUE OF SCHOOL NURSES.

### LECTURE ON "NUTRITION."

On Wednesday, January 17th, at the Day Training College, Dr. Menzies gave a lecture to the school nurses on "Nutrition." There was a large attendance. Dr. Menzies made special reference to the feeding of school children. The opinion of four important authorities, as to the number of children requiring to be fed by the State, was interesting, their estimate varying from 2 per cent. to 33 per cent. The distinction between the underfed and improperly fed was a much discussed question, and probably accounted largely for the difference of opinion. Home conditions throw a good deal of light on

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