

Nurses' Registration Bill, and am as furious as any of your correspondents on the subject of untrained people wearing nurses' uniform, and when it comes to making use of it for immoral purposes it is perfectly scandalous. It is indeed most unfair that trained nurses have no power of protecting themselves, their professional ideals, and recognised dress. It is only through registration we can stop this abuse of uniform and other things, and I most earnestly hope it may soon come."

All over the world trained nurses are beginning to realise their right to status, so that they may protect their professional interests and their good name.

POOR LAW INFIRMARY MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

A largely attended meeting of the Poor Law Infirmary Matrons' Association was held on the afternoon of April 26th, at the Kensington Infirmary, by kind invitation of Miss Alsop. Miss Barton presided.

Miss Williams, Superintendent Nurse of the Union Hospital, Cardiff, briefly explained the proposed scheme for a Superintendent Nurses' Association. Those present were in favour of such an organisation and of its affiliation with the Poor Law Infirmary Matrons' Association.

Miss Stewart, Matron of the City of London Infirmary, read a short paper on the subject of checking articles to the laundry and back; a very interesting discussion followed on the various details of laundry work. Many other questions were discussed.

THE NURSES' SOCIAL UNION.

The Central Council of the Nurses' Social Union met on April 21st, at the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute. Among the important business to be considered was the change of name, which has been under consideration for some time, as many members feel that "Social Union" is a somewhat misleading title, and hardly does justice to the growing scope of the work. The name of "National Union of Trained Nurses" was finally decided on and unanimously agreed to, and the Nurses' Social Union will, in future, be known by this title, and incorporated as such. A central office has now been established in London at 39, Great Smith Street, S.W., where enquiries may be answered, pamphlets bought, and a large stock of health posters seen. It is the aim of the Council, when sufficient funds are available, to erect an institute or club-room in London for members, and a fund has now been started for this purpose. About £5,000 is required, and the Committee will be glad of any help towards raising this sum. A donation of £100 has already been given. A legacy of £5,000 has been promised to the Union, on condition that £1,000 be raised in five years. The sum raised will be invested for this new scheme.

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Princess Royal visited the Belgrave Hospital for Children, Clapham Road, last Saturday afternoon to reopen the Babies' Ward. An increasing interest is being taken in the good work of the Hospital, and all the wards have been reopened. In support of Mrs. Kendal's eloquent special appeal to the generosity of those present £71 was collected. The Princess Royal afterwards visited the wards, and expressed her appreciation of the excellent work done. The occasion was also the annual "pound day" of the Hospital, and more than two tons of goods were received, £125 6s. 11d. being contributed in money.

Prince Alexander of Teck has received from Sir Charles W. Morrison-Bell, Bart., a donation of £1,000 for the purchase of radium for the Cancer Charity of the Middlesex Hospital.

At the annual meeting of the Governors and General Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, the total amount of receipts for the year were shown to be £179,000. The amount received in donations and subscriptions, compared with the previous year, excluding Sir Ernest Cassel's special donation and contributions to capital, decreased over £9,000, while legacies fell off by over £37,000.

£2,000 has been realised for Westminster Hospital by a very successful musical and dramatic recital organised by the Ladies' Association at Bridgewater House. Nurses in the hospital's uniform sold programmes, and Sir John Wolfe Barry, chairman of the House Committee, spoke of the valuable work done by the Ladies' Association.

Princess Louise and the Duke of Argyll visited Birmingham last week to lay the foundation-stone of the new Children's Hospital in Ladywood Road and unveil the statue of King Edward VII in Victoria Square.

The Duke of Argyll said on behalf of the Princess: "We wish to thank you heartily for your most kind welcome to-day. The Princess is especially grateful to you for giving her an opportunity of assisting in fulfilling the late King Edward, her brother's, fondest wishes by associating herself with you in the building of a free hospital in Birmingham, whose municipality was always foremost in the equipment of a great city. To have a new hospital for the healing of children built as a tribute to his memory would have been a great satisfaction to our late beloved King. The suggestion that a donation of £1 is from each child, who would have its initials moulded on bricks of the building, seemed to the Princess to be a very happy one. Not only was it practicable, but she felt that it would foster in the child the natural instinct of a desire to help the suffering."

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