

3292. Miss B. J. M'Lachlan, cert. Roy. Inf., Glasgow.  
 3293. Miss E. M. Hancock, cert. Bagthorpe Inf., Nottingham.  
 3294. Miss I. N. Hodges, cert. St. Mary's Hosp., Paddington.  
 3295. Miss J. Grant, cert. Roy. Inf., Manchester.  
 3296. Miss H. J. Miller, cert. General Hosp., Hereford.  
 3297. Miss A. M. Thornton, cert. Shoreditch Inf.  
 3298. Miss C. A. Orpin, cert. Roy. Inf., Edinburgh.  
 3299. Miss G. E. Tommy, cert. Warneford Hosp., Leamington.  
 3300. Miss H. F. Parsons, cert. Roy. Berkshire Hosp., Reading.  
 3301. Miss E. E. Cook cert. Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum.  
 3302. Miss S. F. Norfield, cert. Chelsea Inf.  
 3303. Miss J. E. Wells, cert. The Inf., Birmingham.  
 3304. Miss H. V. Villiers, cert. Blackburn and East Lancs. Inf.  
 3305. Miss K. Bellamy, cert. Lambeth Inf.  
 3306. Miss K. S. Waterman, cert. North Ormesby Hosp.  
 3307. Miss M. C. Garrett, cert. North Ormesby Hosp.  
 3308. Miss E. A. Tomlinson, cert. General Hosp., Nottingham.  
 3309. Miss H. Brewerton, cert. St. John's House.  
 3310. Miss E. J. B. Wright, cert. St. Barthol's Hosp.

The meeting then terminated.

MARGARET BREAY, *Hon. Secretary.*

The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to receive from members any Resolutions they wish placed upon the Agenda for the Annual Meeting by June 1st.

## THE PROGRESS OF STATE REGISTRATION.

### BIG MONEY.

The anti-registration protagonists, the Hon. Sydney Holland and Sir Henry Burdett (what a relief it would be if the modest violets they profess to represent would come out and meet their registration colleagues in open argument) both of whom exploit the nursing profession—the former in support of the London Hospital, and the latter for less altruistic purposes—are as usual attempting to misguide the public in the Press on the result of registration in the United States. The Americans are a business people, and the fact remains that since 1903—in ten years—37 State Legislatures have passed into law 37 Registration Acts for the protection of the public and improvement of nursing, and from all over the States records are piling up evidence of the enormous impetus which such legislation has given to the systematic training of nurses, and the value which

educated women set on legal status. Unfortunately human nature is very much the same all the world over, and American nurses have their anti-registration exploiters as we have in England.

We have some tasty tit-bits before us from the American papers which oppose registration. One paper supporting quackery trumpets forth its sympathy with "25,000 poor women who will be deprived of their title of nurse" if the amendments to the New York State Nurses Bill pass, whilst we learn from another that "9,000 women 'graduated' from Nurses' Correspondence Schools in New York in one year. There are several concerns that are engaged in separating women from their money in this way. The advertisements offering to make any woman a trained nurse by mail in from one to three months are certainly alluring to many. And so the 9,000 who were made nurses by the correspondence route last year put on regulation uniforms and proceed to administer to the sick and dying at the regulation fee.

"The Education Department and the New York State Nurses' Association have been trying to get the Nurses Practice Act amended so that the public can distinguish between a nurse that has really been trained and one that is the product of the correspondence schools.

"Now, in view of these facts, is it not strange that there is difficulty in passing the amended bill at Albany? The lobbyists for the correspondence schools seem to be more powerful than the educational department and the entire nursing profession. There is, naturally, big money in the game for the promoters of the correspondence schools, and they therefore fight. It is difficult to understand, however, how any representative in the Legislature will be able to explain his vote if he stands against the amendment to protect the public in this most important matter."

Big money! It is always "big money" made by men at women's expense which inspires their opposition to just, self-governing legislation for them. Had it not been for "big money" made through short-term training at the London Hospital, and through the "quack" nursing journals, we should not have had to fight for a quarter of a century for just conditions for trained nurses and the sick public. Big money! The nippy financier realises that a class of 50,000 women workers cannot remain unorganised without "big money" being made by someone. Keep them disorganised and unprotected, and the "someone" will not be the worker.

It is natural, therefore, that the "organisers" of societies of Matrons and nurses in support of State Registration in this country should, as usual, be attacked by the Hon. Sydney Holland and Sir Henry Burdett during the past week in the partisan Press. The former objects to the "same set of ladies" engineering such societies. No doubt he does. They are the "set" who refuse to be "engineered" by Mr. Holland.

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