

Rooms will be provided throughout the Conference days.

HOTELS AND TARIFFS.

A list of hotels and tariffs were inserted in our issue of the 10th May, page 369.

Miss B. Cutler, hon. secretary N.C.N., will arrive in Dublin on Monday, June 2nd, and will be found at the Shelburne Hotel, St. Stephen's Green.

Miss Hulme and Miss B. Kent will also arrive on that day, ready to help with exhibits; and Miss V. Thurstan will be in charge of the exhibits kindly lent by Miss Eden, of the Nurses' Social Union.

Mrs. Fenwick and Miss Breay will be the guests of Miss Huxley at Elpis.

FROM BELFAST.

Those attending the Conference from Belfast can obtain tickets at the reduced fare of 12s. 7d. for one week from June 2nd. Application for vouchers should be made to Miss M. Workman, Craigharragh, Helens Bay, Co. Down.

THE PROGRESS OF STATE REGISTRATION.

At the Annual Meeting of the Society for State Registration of Nurses, to be held in London at the end of June, it is hoped to hold a rousing meeting. The suggestion that until the lions and the lambs lie down together there is to be no legislation for the organization of Trained Nursing in this benighted country cannot be accepted for a moment. The scandals resulting from disorganization are far too flagrant for that. The quite inadequate system of nursing education and training in many institutions, unjust contracts, overstrain, exploitation of fees and uniform, covering of untrained women in districts, and private nursing homes, massage and abortion scandals, government through social interest, and promotion by favour in Government Departments and elsewhere, resulting in a very serious depreciation of the type of women prepared to enter hospitals for training, and the grave suffering of the sick poor owing to a shortage of the well-educated, humane attendants in institutions and districts, have got to be exposed and the conscience of the Government aroused.

The Prime Minister and other legislators in the recent Suffrage debate denied that women suffered any disabilities from their exclusion from political power, the callous treatment by men of the women engaged in one of the most

womanly and beneficent vocations in the world, trained nursing, their refusal even to acquaint themselves with our social and economic conditions, proves absolutely how untenable is such an assertion. The trained nurses of this country have urged their conscientious demands for just conditions upon legislators for twenty years. They have been treated with contempt, and their fine work degraded. Such treatment arouses indignation amongst trained nurses in every quarter of the globe, and is a flaring torch in the hand of every Suffragette. There must be no more hesitation upon the part of registrationists. Our ill-treatment has recoiled upon the unfortunate sick. We have got to insist upon legislation for their sakes as well as our own, and in spite of the London press boycott we intend to be heard. Why not in Hyde Park?

Anyway a very live programme will be submitted by the President to the members of the Society for State Registration at its Annual Meeting, and if we can enlist the help of a few more courageous men like Dr. Chapple, who have the welfare of the public and the nurses really at heart, we have no fear but that our just cause will appeal to Parliament at an early date.

A HARDY PERENNIAL.

When in his reply to the Deputation in support of Nurses' Registration on April 28th, the Prime Minister turned over the Anti-Registration Memo, and remarked: "The list of opponents to which I referred four years ago has been brought up to date, and is a more menacing and formidable array than it was then," we naturally expected to find it so.

We compared the list with one in our archives. *It was the same old list!*

The only names added to this hardy perennial are those of four matrons trained at the London Hospital, headed by that of Miss Annie McIntosh, matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital!

If we subtract the signatures of persons now dead, the list remains in numbers much as it was in 1909.

There is, however, one very significant addition.

Miss Annie McIntosh, of course, subscribes her name to Mr. Sydney Holland's Memo, in opposition to the conscientious demand for registration, reaffirmed in several resolutions, by at least 700 nurses trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, of which she is now matron!

No stronger evidence of the need for State Registration could under any circumstances be advanced.

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