

and should be of great assistance to them in their activities."

#### REGISTRATION IN CANADA.

The Dominion Registration Committee formed in 1911 presented its report to the Canadian National Association. It is a most representative body, with delegates from all the most important nurses' associations in Canada.

The report from all the Provinces was most hopeful, and concluded: "It is of vital importance to the profession that there be some uniformity in standards, and that the training, registering and so forth be the same fundamentally in all parts of Canada. . . . We should suggest that this Committee draw up a model Bill, a copy of which may be sent to each Provincial Association, and returned to the Convener with suggestions which may be further considered, and so a uniform Bill may be arrived at. The Committee urges on the Nurses to keep right along, moulding public opinion, agitating for really educative courses for student-nurses, and for high standards."

#### THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

After the business has been disposed of at the quarterly meeting of the Matrons' Council on October 3rd, Miss Mollett will read a short paper to open a discussion on "The Present Position of the Nurse in the Estimation of the General Public." To judge from the piles of newspaper cuttings sent to us during the summer, and which are still making copy in the dead season, the general public has some very decided opinions to express on the question. The trained nurse may be in its estimation anything from a "she devil" to "the very angel of God."

Miss Mollett is sure to be fresh and breezy in handling her subject, and her paper will no doubt elicit an animated discussion.

#### NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

The valedictory meetings of the Nurses' Missionary League, held on Monday, were attended by some three hundred nurses, including representatives from most of the large London hospitals, as well as members from further afield.

The day's gatherings commenced at 10 a.m., and included an opening devotional address; an animated demonstration Bible Circle, composed entirely of nurses with the exception of the leader, Miss J. Macfee; and several missionary talks and addresses from missionary

nurses and doctors. The afternoon session took the form of a *conversazione*, at which Mrs. Carless, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Fox, and Miss A. C. Gibson acted as hostesses; and nurses gathered in groups for tea and talk, the centres of most groups being either a "sailing member" or a missionary home from some part of the mission field. Three members of the League who are at present home on furlough spoke about their work at various times: Miss Wade (trained at the Great Northern Central Hospital), who has been working in a Home for rescued temple children in Dohnavur, South India; Miss C. Watney (trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital), who told of her experiences in Uganda, where she has been Sister in a large hospital; and Miss M. Williams (trained at the Royal Infirmary, Derby), who described her work at Sierra Leone. There was delightful music, both instrumental and vocal.

The great centre of the day's interest came at the evening's meeting, when there were present on the platform seven of the twenty-six sailing members who are starting (or have already started) for the mission field. Each in turn spoke of the work to which she is expecting to go, and some told of the way in which the call had come to them to go to the mission field. Following these short addresses was a series of lantern pictures, described by Miss Richardson, Secretary of the League, which illustrated the various stations to which members are sailing, concluding with some views of hospitals where nurses are at this time urgently needed, including Delhi, Bangalore, Amritsar, Marsovan, and other places.

The chief speaker during the day was Miss A. G. Lillingston, L.R.C.P. & S., Ed., who spoke three times—in the morning, afternoon, and evening—describing the work of training Indian nurses, and some of the difficulties entailed in that work, telling anecdotes about the little children which, while they made the audience smile, yet gave a picture of the terrible pathos lying behind these little lives, and giving descriptions of the many difficulties and yet the great joy of a missionary's life. Perhaps her greatest message was of the need for more workers, and more still. "In India I have longed," she said, "to get at the members of the Nurses' Missionary League, and to say I want you *all* in the mission field."

The day's meetings closed with an address from the Rev. K. W. S. Kennedy, M.B., B.Ch., who spoke to the sailing members upon the vision of God required to empower them for the work to which they go.

Next week, we shall give more space to the report of this very inspiring meeting.

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