

NURSES' REGISTRATION.

The Nurses Registration Bill was introduced into the House of Commons on Wednesday by Dr. Chapple, who is now in charge of that measure. The trained nurses of Great Britain and Ireland have now been pleading for eleven sessions to have their profession organized by the State, and no one will deny that each year that their petition has been ignored by Parliament, nursing conditions all over the country have suffered. Consequently the sick have suffered from a lack of efficiently trained nurses in many departments—and the shortage of skilled workers of the best type is daily becoming more pronounced.

A Meeting of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Trained Nurses will be held, by kind permission of the British Medical Association, in the Council Hall, 429, Strand, W.C., on Saturday, February 28th, at 11 a.m.

We are pleased to note that many committees are raising the salaries of Sisters and nurses. At a recent meeting at the Tolworth Joint Isolation Hospital it was decided that the salaries of Sisters are now to be £38, rising to £44, in place of £30, rising to £36. Mr. Peel, one of the members, laid emphasis on the fact that untrained women were employed to fill responsible positions by some public boards, and that such a state of affairs could only be corrected by a proper system of State Registration of Nurses.

Scottish Nurses will estimate at its true value

the veracity of Sir Henry Burdett's *Nursing Mirror*, on a question of vital importance to their professional welfare. On February 11th, in Conference assembled at Glasgow, Scottish nurses passed unanimously a Resolution—proposed by Miss Gill, the Lady Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and seconded by Miss Cowper, late Superintendent of the Scottish Branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses—stating that, both in the interests of nurses and the public, Registration by the State was urgently necessary.

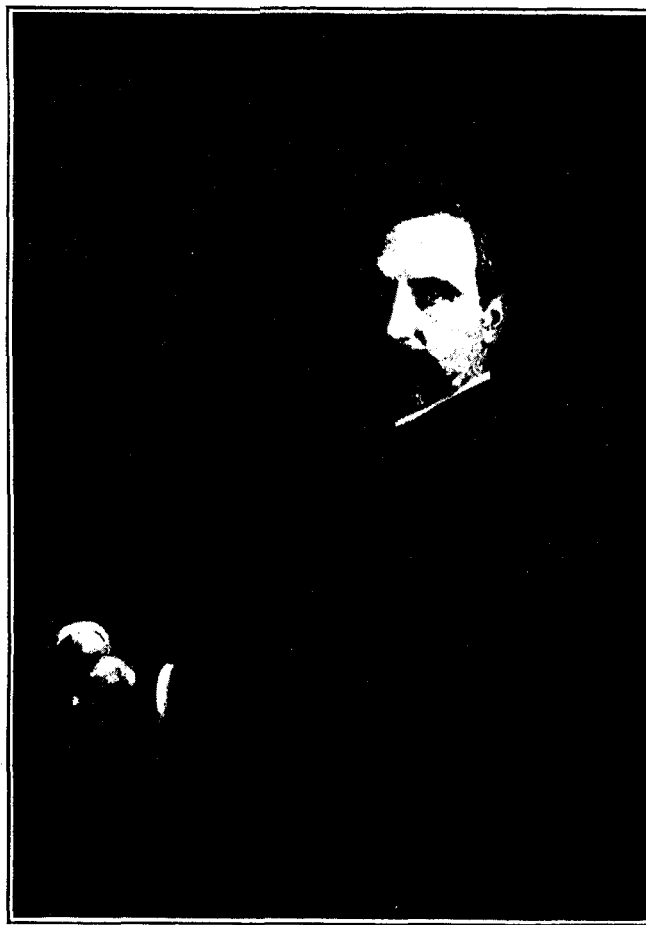
In his issue of February 21st, Sir Henry Burdett says, "Of course the Government do not intend to afford facilities for the discussion of the Registration Bill, because they do not believe that there is any demand for it either from the nursing profession or from the public"! This from a publication which makes a huge income out of nurses!

May we invite all our readers in Scotland, and we know they are a goodly number, to at once communicate with the Member of Parliament for the constituency in which they reside, and ask him to further the interest of the Nurses'

Registration Bill in the House of Commons. This would be the most effective method of disproving the false statement.

GOLD MEDAL FOR MISS DELANO.

Miss Jane A. Delano, Superintendent of Nursing of the American Red Cross Society, has been awarded the Red Cross gold medal of merit by President Wilson for her services in organizing the Town and Country Nursing Service, which is operated by the Red Cross in the United States.



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