

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

SAN FRANCISCO, 1915.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses will be held on Thursday, the 16th July, at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W., at 4.30 p.m. The Report will be of a very hopeful nature, as in no previous year has greater public interest been aroused in the Nurses' Registration Bill, nor greater progress been made in the movement. Stalwart friends have come forward, and pushed forward all over the kingdom, and all resolutions submitted to public opinion have either been passed unanimously—or with an inconsiderable number of dissentients. At Dublin with two dissentients (not Irish), Glasgow unanimously, London, in spite of the advocacy of Lord Knutsford, with a swinging majority, Leeds unanimously, and Birmingham unanimously.

Let us hope there will be an enthusiastic attendance on the 16th July, and that the meeting will determine to drive home to the Government the right of the nurses to time for a Second Reading of their Bill, now that the Houses of Lords and Commons have proved that they are convinced of the righteousness of our cause.

The nurses have fought their campaign with conscientious conviction and admirable restraint, and well deserve the most liberal measure to secure educational and economic uplift, which the Government can bestow upon them.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF BILL.

In spite of the wide publicity given to the question, there are still many Matrons and nurses who have not studied, or even seen, the Nurses' Registration Bill. Quite informal meetings will be held at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W., to discuss it in detail, on Fridays, July 3rd and 10th, at 8.30 p.m. Mrs. Fenwick extends an invitation to anyone who desires information on the Bill who would like to attend. She will be obliged if they will intimate to her their wish to be present.

WELCOME HELP.

The President of the Society for State Registration begs to acknowledge with much gratitude the following donations:—Miss E. S. Haldane, £1 1s.; Miss Lucy Ramsden, £1 1s.; Mrs. Craig, £1; Miss C. Forrest, £1; Mrs. Bartleet, £1.

The conjoint Committee of Organization of the International Nursing Congress and Exhibition at San Francisco, has invited Mrs. Bedford Fenwick to deliver the Oration on Education Day, Wednesday, June 2nd, 1915, when the ceremonies in connection with the Nurses' International Memorial to Florence Nightingale will be held in the open-air Greek theatre at Berkeley, by permission of the University of California.

Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, the wife of the late American Ambassador to London, who is a Californian lady, is interesting herself in the success of the meeting of the International Council of Nurses at San Francisco next year, and it is largely through her kind offices that the University of California has placed its beautiful theatre at the disposal of the Congress. No one who attended the London Meeting in 1909 will ever forget the charming hospitality and recognition extended to the delegates by the American Embassy—and it will add greatly to the success of the San Francisco meeting, if Mrs. Whitelaw Reid takes a personal part in its organization. She is one of the three American women to whom honorary membership of the American Nurses' Association has been extended—for "patriotic services rendered" to the cause of Nursing.

We have just received from Miss Dock the rules for the competition for Prizes of £20 and £10, offered by Miss Jane A. Delano, Chairman of the National Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service, U.S.A., for the best Inventions by Nurses, to be awarded at San Francisco. We hope to insert them next week.

We have received several letters from English nurses asking if there is work to be got at San Francisco if they venture forth. We are sorry to discourage our correspondents, but from expressions of opinion in the *Pacific Coast Journal of Nursing* it would appear that there is at present an over-supply of nurses on the Pacific Coast, and that there is little hope of our unregistered nurses being accepted on the private nurses' registries—through which alone work is to be secured. Registration under the new Bill is being thoroughly done in California, and the nurses are determined to maintain high standards by examination. We fear that it is only as guests that nurses can attend the Panama Exposition.

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