

hospital. Observation cases are frequently found to have the disease in the latent form, and for this reason they are also kept throughout their stay in the wards separate from the undoubted cases, and also from the uninfected cases. Those cases in which a latent form of the disease lights up are immediately transferred to the infected wards, as are also those who develop the disease in the hospital.

THE SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the above Society was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Thursday, October 22nd, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in the chair.

Miss Breay, the Hon. Secretary, presented a Report, which was adopted, which gave a *précis* of the work done during the past three months, and the result of the resolutions passed at the Annual Meeting.

How best to further the interests of the Nurses' Registration Bill was considered. The President reported that she found that several matrons objected to the constitution of the proposed Nursing Council, as they considered the matrons should not be directly elected, but should hold office in respect of their official positions. This, of course, would result in a bureaucracy entirely opposed to the democratic tendency of the age, and cut at the principle of professional self-government for the Nursing Profession. Others desired to see a great increase of matrons on the Governing Body, on the elective basis, and one matron expressed the opinion that every matron should sit by right on the Council. Several matrons considered there were too many medical representatives on the Council. In the opinion of the President, direct representation of the whole profession was obligatory, if a just and progressive policy was to be pursued.

The present Bill provided for a certain number of matrons to be elected by their peers, and there was little doubt that busy working nurses would elect those of their number holding representative positions in several branches of nursing. It must be borne in mind that the nursing profession was extending its influence so widely outside the hospital that all these interests, mainly for the social welfare of the people, would require consideration. But because the constitution of the Nursing Council was not to the taste of all, that was no reason for the unsympathetic obstruction by which

many persons in power over nurses, had for years deprived the Nursing Profession in this country of legal status and honourable recognition and protection by the State, a policy which contrasted very unfavourably with the generous and untiring support given by their Superintendents to the nurses in their legitimate demands in so many other parts of the world.

It was decided to take certain steps to advance the interests of the Nurses' Registration Bill, which Dr. Chapple had kindly consented to again introduce into the House of Commons.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following sixty-one applicants were elected as members:—

- 3464. Miss C. M. Spinney, cert., Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.
- 3465. Miss N. Jones, cert., Taunton and Somerset Hospital.
- 3466. Mrs. M. M. Sikes, tr. St. Thomas's Hospital.
- 3467. Miss E. W. Lee, cert., Taunton and Somerset Hospital.
- 3468. Miss M. L. Oakey, cert., General Hospital, Birmingham.
- 3469. Miss K. Rishworth, cert., Victoria Hospital, Keighley.
- 3470. Miss M. Pratt, cert., Western Infirmary, Glasgow.
- 3471. Miss W. A. Huntley, cert., Taunton and Somerset Hospital.
- 3472. Miss E. Pulman, cert., Lewisham Infirmary.
- 3473. Miss F. A. Edmonds, cert., General Hospital, Birmingham.
- 3474. Miss M. A. Taylor, cert., Mirfield Memorial Hospital.
- 3475. Miss A. E. Hogg, cert., Royal Free Hospital.
- 3476. Miss H. Robinson, cert., Charlton Union Infirmary, Manchester.
- 3477. Miss M. Smith, cert., North Ormesby Hospital, Middlesbrough.
- 3478. Miss M. Brocksopp, cert., General Hospital, Birmingham.
- 3479. Miss M. S. Brandreth, cert., Liverpool Royal Infirmary.
- 3480. Miss K. Bash, cert., Selly Oak Infirmary.
- 3481. Miss M. Mitchell, cert., Taunton and Somerset Hospital.
- 3482. Miss K. Blenkarn, cert., Guy's Hospital.
- 3483. Miss L. L. Allen, cert., Taunton and Somerset Hospital.
- 3484. Miss F. K. Willetts, cert., Middlesex Hospital.
- 3485. Miss L. Brand, cert., Royal Free Hospital.
- 3486. Miss M. Cullen, cert., Royal Free Hospital.
- 3487. Miss L. Stalford, cert., Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool.
- 3488. Miss B. H. Allen, cert., Prince of Wales's Hospital, Tottenham.
- 3489. Miss L. K. King, cert., St. Giles' Infirmary.
- 3490. Miss I. Thompson, cert., Cleveland Street Infirmary.

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