

seconded by Miss Wise, Craig House, Edinburgh, and passed by the meeting:—

“That this Association would urge the great need of every effort being made to have the Bill for State Registration of Nurses passed as soon as possible, in view of the fact that so many untrained workers are allowed to undertake the nursing of the sick and wounded in this War.”

Votes of thanks to the Chairman and to Miss Simpson, Matron of Hospital, concluded the meeting. Tea was served by the kindness of Miss Simpson, and afterwards the members visited the beautiful new hospital.

We warmly support the above Resolution, and think the present time the psychological moment to press our just professional demands upon the Government. Nurses' Registration is not a Party Question, and from an economic aspect, no class of workers are less protected, or have proved more indispensable, than trained nurses during this national crisis.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

SCHOOL OF MASSAGE AND SWEDISH REMEDIAL EXERCISES, 55, BROMPTON ROAD, KNIGHTSBRIDGE, S.W.

The Misses Scamell and Bedingfield hereby announce that, following a dispute with the I.S.T.M. with regard to entries to the Teachers' Diploma and Swedish Remedial Exercises Examinations, the Society on September 18th, 1914, removed their names from the roll of certificate holders and members of the I.S.T.M. without stating a reason or giving previous notification, and advertised the fact in advertisement columns of two nursing papers.

A solicitor's letter failing to elicit a reason for this removal, a writ was issued against the I.S.T.M. in the King's Bench Division on December 4th, 1914. The Society's solicitors wrote on December 29th, 1914, admitting that the Misses Scamell and Bedingfield were still certificate holders and members of the Society, and offering to pay costs of the action to date. This offer was accepted after the I.S.T.M. Council had passed a resolution on February 12th, 1915, officially reinstating them.

The Misses Scamell and Bedingfield on March 15th, 1915, sent in their resignations as members of the I.S.T.M., and now wish to make it known that the work of the School and Hospital continues as usual, and that their students will be specially examined by members of the medical profession pending the inauguration of a new public examination in massage and Swedish Remedial Exercises.

A CLEARING HOSPITAL FOR THE REFUGEES.

It is inevitable that amongst the many hundreds of refugees, especially Belgians, who are at present in the Metropolis, a considerable number should need medical treatment, particularly when we consider the strain they have undergone. It is further desirable that such treatment should be available in an institution where their special needs are considered. The Local Government Board has acted wisely in inviting the Metropolitan Asylums Board to undertake this work, for there is no body in London which can do it more efficiently, as anyone visiting the extremely well organised dispensary and clearing hospital in Sheffield Street, near Kingsway, will realise. The hospital is within a stone's throw of the old King's College Hospital, in Lincoln's Inn Fields, and opposite the Old Curiosity Shop, immortalised by Dickens.

The building, which is spick and span from top to bottom, having been entirely re-painted and newly furnished when taken over by the M.A.B., has on the ground floor the out-patient department, waiting rooms, consulting rooms, the dispensary proper, and registration office. A dispensary may be a forlorn and unkempt place, or attractive and orderly, according to the mind of the dispenser. This one, which is in charge of a fully qualified lady dispenser, is good to look upon. Rows of immaculate bottles and jars are ranged in shining order upon spotless shelves, and well filled cupboard and drawers contain everything that is needful for the work of the institution. Within is the sitting room used by the dispenser and an interpreter, a most useful official in an institution of this kind. One is reminded of its special intention by the fact that all the notices on the walls are in French and Flemish; and the card given to each patient, on which Name, Register No. and Case Book No. are entered, announces:

“Ouvert tous les jours (Dimanches exceptés) de 10 hs. du matin à 1 hr., et de 2 hs. à 5 du soir. Samedi de 10 hs. à 2 hs. seulement.”

This is repeated below in Flemish.

In addition to the dispensary there are wards containing 24 beds (including a few cots), six of which are for isolation cases, one of the isolation wards being divided into three cubicles, so that different diseases can, if necessary, be isolated. If found necessary, the in-patient accommodation can be increased by six or eight beds.

The heating is by hot-water pipes, and on a cold day the whole building seemed delightfully warm, but none too warm for its Belgian patients, none of whom, moreover, have apparently any liking for fresh air.

The Medical Officer in charge is Dr. D. F. Riddell, of the Asylums Board Service, who has as his colleague Dr. G. De Lacy, a Belgian doctor. The Matron is Miss Jenkins, who has had experience of Refugee work as Matron at Millfield House, Edmonton, as has also Sister Lys.

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