

AN INDEFENSIBLE SYSTEM.

We learn that Miss Florence Tubbs has been informed that a reply will be sent to her from the War Office as soon as possible. Miss Tubbs, formerly Matron of the Endsleigh Palace Hospital for Officers, London, recently petitioned the Secretary of State for War that an independent enquiry might be held into the question of her summary dismissal by the Executive Committee of the hospital, without being afforded an opportunity of knowing of what she was accused, or being given an opportunity of defending herself.

Let us hope that Lord Kitchener will insist upon this just course being adopted, and that the members of the Nursing Board, Q.A.I.M.N.S., will not be constituted the authority to investigate this matter. Under the circumstances it cannot be considered an independent body, as it presumably recognises, in the organization of military auxiliary hospitals, the unethical and intolerable principle of placing highly qualified nurses under the authority of untrained women. Moreover, in our opinion the Nursing Board should have at once taken the initiative and investigated the cause of friction at the Endsleigh Palace Hospital, and prevented, if justice demanded it, the sacrifice of the whole nursing staff, driven by an outraged sense of professional conscience to resign their work, and run the gauntlet of attacks upon their characters which they had no opportunity of disproving.

From many parts of the country the smouldering sense of injustice resulting from the untenable position in which trained nurses find themselves in military auxiliary hospitals is beginning to flare up, and the sooner the Secretary of State for War investigates their just grievances the better.

CONFERENCE ON MASSAGE.

A Conference on Massage is to be held at the Women's University Union, Lime Grove, Oxford Road, Manchester, on November 20th.

At the afternoon session, 2.30—5 p.m., Miss Lucy Robinson, Chairman of Council I.S.T.M., will speak on "Massage in Maternity Cases," Mrs. Hoghton Stewart on "Throat Massage, Applied to Various Cases," and Miss Winifred Allott on "After Treatment of Lung Troubles by Massage and Exercises."

At 6.30 p.m. Miss Randell, Sister-in-Charge of the Massage Department at St. Thomas' Hospital, will lecture on "Massage for Recent Fractures, and Fractures caused by Bullet and Shrapnel Wounds." Tickets obtainable from 157, Great Portland Street, London, W.

STATE REGISTRATION.

A DANGEROUS PRINCIPLE.

We hear that still another Society dealing with the State Registration of Trained Nurses is being quietly organized—by those who have for so many years opposed the justifiable aspirations of nurses that their profession should be organized under statutory authority. So far the Nurses' organizations have been studiously kept in the dark as to the proposals of the new society, but we are informed that an attempt is to be made to register training schools, and thus deprive the nurses of individual registration (a privilege they enjoy in 50 countries or States), and therefore of any personal power in their own professional affairs. Moreover they are to be governed by the civilians who employ them, and Matrons by right of office. Of course, the Nurses' organizations, and those liberal-minded Matrons who have for years done all in their power in their professional capacity to consolidate the profession, will not tolerate any such dangerous legislation. No employers are given such powers over men workers, and women must carefully watch any society which proposes so dangerous a precedent where they are concerned.

What we most dislike about the "anti's" is this secretiveness in dealing with our affairs. Let them come out in the open and discuss the question fairly. This is the right method of arriving at a just conclusion.

WELCOME HELP.

The President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses acknowledges with thanks the following donations:—Miss Christina Forrest, £1 1s.; Miss P. Mapletoft, 10s. 6d.; Miss M. D. Burke, 10s. 6d.; Miss Emma Horton, 10s.; Colonel Villiers, 5s.; Miss Stott, R.N.S., 5s.; Miss M. Dempster, 5s.; Miss Mason, R.N.S., 2s. 6d.; Miss L. M. Grimes, 2s. 6d.

REGISTRATION IN VICTORIA.

The Minister of Public Health in Victoria recently invited representatives of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association, the Bush Nursing Association, the Women's National League, the Midwives' Association, and the Women's Hospital, Melbourne, to meet him, so that he might explain the position of the Trained Nurses and Midwives Bills now before Parliament. Both measures were introduced after a unanimous conference between the Minister and the various bodies concerned. Now difficulties have arisen, when the Midwives Bill has passed the Legislative Council,

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