

THE REGISTRATION TRUCE.

There is much indignation throughout the nursing world that the registration truce has not been observed by the anti-registrationists. When the Prime Minister announced his determination that no private member's Bill, to which there was opposition, should be considered during the last long Session of Parliament, devoted to war legislation, the Central Committee for State Registration of Trained Nurses realised that agitation in support of their Bill should be honourably discontinued, until a more propitious time, and for the first time for eleven Sessions the Nurses' Registration Bill was not brought into Parliament. There were good reasons for this—the whole energy of the medical and nursing professions were required for the performance of their national duty to the sick and wounded, both at home and abroad—and it is not too much to say that their whole heart and soul has been, and is, devoted to this duty. What time, therefore, more indefensible for those who for years have opposed every effort of the conjoint professions of medicine and nursing to organize the education and discipline of trained nurses, to meet and privately promote a scheme which, they are well aware, will be highly obnoxious to the section of the nursing profession who have all but won the legal status, to attain which they have devoted years to the education of the electorate? It is not presumable that the nurses who have accomplished this miracle, in the face of appalling prejudice and obstruction, will quietly permit their cause to be crushed out by an inchoate voluntary scheme, which cannot effect any real organization of the nursing profession, and which, if thrust upon it, will only add more futile and mischievous interference with nursing conditions and create further confusion.

THE SCOTTISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION PROTESTS.

Under these circumstances we are not surprised to learn that at a recent meeting in Glasgow the Scottish Nurses' Association passed the following resolution of protest, which has been forwarded to the Honble. Arthur Stanley:—

The Executive of the Scottish Nurses' Association has had under consideration the letter of the Hon. Arthur Stanley.

It will not be denied that at this time the trained nurses of the whole country are using their utmost efforts to meet a national emergency. The Executive must express its surprise that such a time should be chosen by anyone with any

pretension to knowledge of nursing affairs to launch a new scheme.

The Executive furthermore strongly protests against the impropriety of launching such a scheme without consultation with, or any reference whatever to, the organized Nurses' Associations of the country.

MIDLAND NURSES KNOW WHAT THEY WANT.

At a recent meeting of the General Hospital Birmingham Nurses' League the following resolution was carried:—

That whereas the serious and responsible work of a nurse demands, not only sound moral qualities, but also trained intelligence and practised skill;

And whereas at the present time much disorder exists owing to inequalities of training, absence of educational standards and lack of self-government of the profession—

This meeting is of opinion that the State Registration of Trained Nurses is a matter of urgent national importance; and further, that it is highly desirable in the interests of the public, as well as of the nursing profession, that a Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses should be passed as soon as possible.

Miss Ashford, the Hon. Secretary of the Queen's Hospital Nurses' League (Birmingham), has been instructed to forward for publication the following Resolution, which was carried unanimously at a general meeting of members held on February 3rd:—

That in the opinion of this meeting the present disorganised state of the Nursing Profession is greatly to be deplored, and a system of Registration under the State is urgently needed.

The members desire to express their support of the Bill for the Registration of Trained Nurses, brought forward by the Central Committee for State Registration of Trained Nurses.

VICTORIA AND BOURNEMOUTH NURSES' LEAGUE.

We learn that the Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League met on Monday and passed a Resolution in support of legal registration— which the new President, Miss Amy B. Curtis, intends to report to the Meeting of the National Council on the 12th inst.

THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Irish Nurses' Association, held in Dublin on Saturday, February 5th, the following was passed as an Emergency Resolution, under the heading of "Other Business":—

That this Meeting of the Members of the Irish Nurses' Association desire to reassert their strongly held opinion that compulsory examination, and registration by the State, is the only form of organisation suitable to their needs, and believe that any voluntary scheme such as suggested by the Hon. Arthur Stanley would be prejudicial to their interests.

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