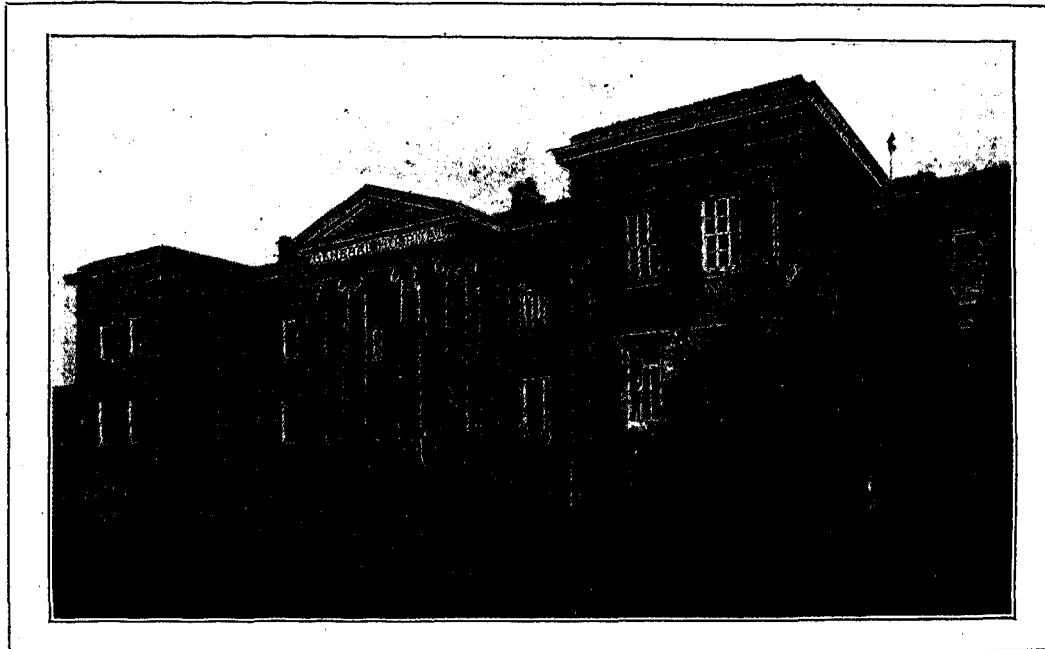


ledged benefits of it. I was particularly careful to point out that in the majority of those countries where State Registration laws are in force, British nurses desiring to find employment would not be able to do so, because of their lack of legal status, unless they submitted themselves to examination; but, on the other hand, when our Bill passes into law, there will be reciprocity of registration, and they will be able to nurse wherever they please. A more interested, keen, and attentive audience, no speaker could possibly wish to have. When the Chairman threw the meeting open to discussion, the nurses rose one after the other,

the House through its further stages into law, immediately after the war.

And that, whereas the movement for State Registration is strongly supported by the British Medical Association, and that the self-governing Associations of Nurses unanimously desire it; also, that a Registration Bill was passed through the Lords in 1908 without a division, and that in 1914 the Bill was introduced into the House of Commons by the large majority of 228; this meeting considers that the prolonged delay in passing the Bill is a serious menace to the stability and prestige of the profession."



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with a most gratifying absence of hindering shyness, and asked questions, which proved their full appreciation of the importance and seriousness of the situation. I disposed of a good deal of literature, and many applied for membership to the State Registration Society. The following Resolution was moved from the Chair, seconded by Sister Fox-Davies, and carried unanimously:—

"Whereas, at the present time especially, the need for State Registration for Trained Nurses is an *urgent necessity*, this meeting desires to impress upon nurses throughout the United Kingdom the need for rendering all possible help, by pressing upon Parliament the necessity for passing the Bill now before

The nurses of the Cheltenham General Hospital are to be congratulated on having a Matron with such professional enthusiasm and width of mind and outlook; one who, having conscientious convictions, is prepared to give practical proof of the same. It did me good to hear her say: "We have a leader whom we can trust, we must follow her." This she said as I sat with her over the fire in her cosy sitting-room, with her Home Sister and one of the probationers. She kindly asked me to stay the night with her, and the following morning she took me over the hospital.

A hospital which is nearly eighty years of age is worthy of inspection; it is an interesting combination of the old and the new, and the

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