

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE NURSING PROFESSION.

MEETING AT CAMBERWELL INFIRMARY.

It goes without saying that in a Hospital where there are only 132 nurses to 838 patients, those nurses work very hard, and their recreation hours are all needed for rest and quiet enjoyment; nevertheless, although the evening hour was late, a large number, including the Sisters, assembled in their beautiful and capacious sitting-room to listen to an address which Miss Beatrice Kent

Ltd. and that provided for by the Bill for State Registration now before Parliament; and also the meaning—material and spiritual—of *freedom* of the Nursing Profession, for which a long and weary battle had been fought. She earnestly appealed to the Nurses to do all in their power to help to bring this battle for justice to a successful conclusion, the need being never more urgent than it is at present. With due regard to the busy lives of Nurses it was pointed out that there are three ways in which the busiest nurse can help namely: 1.—*Become a member of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.* 2.—*Become a subscriber to their own*



A GROUP OF SISTERS AT ST. GILES' INFIRMARY, CAMBERWELL.

was privileged to give on State Registration and the College of Nursing Co., Ltd., on Friday, May 5th. The good attendance was specially gratifying, as it had been made clear to them that they were free to attend or not, as they pleased. Miss Marquardt, their Matron, rightly says that she does not approve of compulsion.

The speaker, in her opening remarks, said that in considering any kind of organization which was intended to benefit a large number of people, the essential thing was the Constitution or Government. Everything else was *relatively* unimportant. She explained the essential difference between the Constitution of the College of Nursing

Professional Journal, THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. 3.—*Try to inform and instruct others about State Registration.*

Miss Marquardt, in closing the meeting, expressed the view that the chief danger of the College of Nursing Scheme is that it provides for too much power to be given to employers and, conversely, too little to the workers.

The nurses of the Camberwell Infirmary are to be congratulated on having a Matron imbued with so liberal a spirit.

Miss Marquardt kindly invited her guest to dine and spend the night with her. After dinner she conducted her over some parts of this great

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