

From nine o'clock each morning I was kept at it, and my programme was seldom finished in less than twelve hours. Here, as at Kieff, everybody was working, either for the wounded or the well; the undertakings are so enormous that the leading professional men in all branches of business are guiding them with their knowledge and experience of big enterprises, and with results that are eminently satisfactory to all.

"Wherever I went, I saw and heard of the incalculable benefit wrought among the people by the suppression of the sale of vodka—a crude sort of brandy, and hitherto the bane of Russia. Homes were happier, men and women more thrifty, and there were already evidences of improved health throughout the country. I went to one enormous distillery for the production of this same vodka—just outside Moscow. What a transformation! Over its entrance gates flew the Red Cross flag, and all the plant within its precincts was now devoted to making and bottling and packing anti-gas mixtures and formaline!"

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee and members was held at 431, Oxford Street, W., on Saturday last, which was well attended. Mrs. Fenwick was in the chair, and said the principal business before the meeting was to consider a Circular Letter from the Hon. Arthur Stanley, containing a proposition to organize the Nursing Profession, concerning which it had never been consulted. She read telegrams and letters of regret for non-attendance: Miss Cox-Davies wired "Much regret unable to attend meeting, please record disapproval of anything short of definite standard and protection by State." Miss H. L. Pearse wrote:—"I regret I cannot attend meeting, will you express my regrets and let me know what action is decided on. I suppose it is the same old interference under another name, just as if the present chaotic state of the Profession of Nursing was not entirely due to withholding of our just right to arrange our own affairs under State protection." Miss Carson Rae wrote from Dublin:—"I have seen the letter from the Hon. A. Stanley, and as far as I understand it, I think it is a very dangerous scheme for Trained Nurses to come under. There will be no benefit from a Nursing College unless we are backed by State Registration. The Certificate which it is proposed to give is apparently also to be given to others than thoroughly trained nurses, and this will render it valueless to us. Also as the Board of Trade has to sanction the registration of the College, it places trained nurses under that Body, and we have fought such a request before, when we succeeded in getting the petition refused. There are many other points of disagreement, notably Finance. We don't

want Charity Certificates—the nursing profession can well pay for its own professional organization."

Miss Heather Bigg, President, and Miss A. Hulme, Hon. Sec., represented the Matrons' Council; Miss E. Barton was present watching specially the interests of Poor Law Nurses; Mrs. Porter, a delegate of the Irish Nurses' Association, and Miss Eden, the Hon. Secretary of the National Union of Trained Nurses were also present.

Mrs. Fenwick went through the clauses of the Letter *seriatim*—and was followed by Miss Musson, who also criticised the scheme in detail. Mrs. Fenwick explained that the document had not been forwarded to the Society for consideration—she received it incidentally for press purposes—but antecedent to the meeting of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, which was summoned to meet on the 15th inst. to consider the Circular, she, as President, desired to test the opinion of the meeting on the matter, so that directions could be given to their delegates as to their course of action.

After considerable discussion the sense of the meeting was taken, and it was unanimously agreed that the proposed scheme "was dangerous to the best interests of the profession of nursing, and that the delegates to the Central Committee for State Registration of Nurses should be instructed to oppose it, and to push forward the demand for legal Registration."

A further course of action was discussed, and several suggestions agreed to, but no action was to be taken until after the Conference on the 15th inst.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following applications for membership were considered and accepted.

- 3590 Miss I. K. Bennett, cert. Taunton and Somerset Hosp., Taunton.
- 3591 Miss E. Braham, cert. Bradford Roy. Inf.
- 3592 Miss G. Bellwood Storey, cert. Gen. Inf., Leeds.
- 3593 Miss J. L. McIntyre, cert. Western Inf., Glasgow.
- 3594 Mrs. M. Y. Eddlestone, cert. Roy. Victoria Inf., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- 3595 Miss G. Barr, cert. Roy. Victoria Inf., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- 3596 Miss A. Perry, cert. Cameron Hosp., West Hartlepool.
- 3597 Miss E. Bradley, cert. North Ormesby Hosp., Middlesbrough.
- 3598 Miss G. M. Haire, cert. Taunton and Somerset Hosp., Taunton.
- 3599 Miss T. M. Thornton, cert. Roy. Devon and Exeter Hosp., Exeter.
- 3600 Miss S. H. P. Sullivan, cert. Croydon Inf., Croydon.
- 3601 Miss H. Edmonds, cert. Union Hosp., Middlesbrough.
- 3602 Miss M. E. Barron, cert. St. Mary's Hosp., Paddington.
- 3603 Miss K. C. Anderson, cert. St. Bart's Hosp., Rochester.

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