

profession, while the British Medical Association looked after and safeguarded the interests of doctors.

The Public was quite entitled to say to nurses "You must so organize that the regulation and control of nurses shall be in the hands of those best able to carry it out."*

At present, when the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, with which he was connected engaged a nurse they had to rely upon their knowledge of the individual hospital or infirmary, and that she had been trained under a Matron on whose methods they could rely. He wished to impress upon the public that when a system of training for nurses was set up that the training, and regulation of the training, should be substantially in similar hands, in the hands of a body upon whom they could rely.

He had taken this opportunity of bringing forward his motion because there was a possibility—and something more than a possibility, a probability—of a College of Nursing being brought into existence to deal with these questions.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Alfred Ellis, J.P. (Federation of Metropolitan Nursing Associations).

The REV. G. BELL DOUGHTY (Association of Poor Law Unions) enquired whether Mr. Pennant's motion contained any subtle allusion to the scheme put forward by Mr. Arthur Stanley. If so, there was a great deal to be said about it. He wished to know whether support of Mr. Pennant's motion committed them to a quasi approbation of the College of Nursing.

The question was a difficult one when they came to the country districts, and the experience of those who had not the technical qualifications defined by Mr. Pennant. He did not quite know what Mr. Pennant's motion meant, as his speech had been vague but he (the speaker) considered that nurses now in practice should be entitled to consideration over a space of years.

DR. M. G. BIGGS (British Medical Association) said Mr. Pennant went into the question of the Bar, but he did not make clear what he was aiming at. He stated the standard of the Q.V.J.I. was three years' general and six months' district training. Was not that a well-planned system? Possibly he was wishful that the Council should take up the question of a uniform plan, but he did not let them into the secret of what he was aiming at, but left the matter in the air.

MR. FRANK BRIANT, J.P. (London County Council) considered that Mr. Pennant should say what he did want and mean. His suggestion was that the standard of nursing should be defined by nurses. In that Council they had only the right to speak for London, and the London Hospital differed from the standard defined by him. His resolution referred to a general "well-planned

system." What was the plan and who was to define the system? Let them know exactly what they were voting upon. He was in sympathy with the establishment of a standard, but he was not prepared to vote upon the proposition until they had something more definite and concrete before them than Mr. Pennant's indefinite resolution. If there was anything at the back of Mr. Pennant's mind, let him state what it was. What was the Central Authority he had at the back of his mind? Was he asking the Council to strengthen the hands of those who were trying to set up an Act of Parliament?

MR. PENNANT, in reply, said he would welcome the setting up of some authority by Parliament in which they had confidence which would confer the hall mark of a body they could trust. He had purposely been somewhat indefinite because the constitution of that body should be left to the nurses themselves, but it should be one which commanded public confidence.

After this explanation the motion was carried by 17 votes to 6, many not voting either way.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Metropolitan Asylums Board for the use of the Board Room.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Chelsea Hospital for Women, Arthur St., Chelsea, S.W.—Miss Ellen West has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Wandsworth Infirmary, and the Chelsea Hospital for Women, where she has successively been Staff Nurse, Temporary Night Sister, Assistant Matron, and Acting Matron. She has also been Theatre Sister at St. James's Infirmary, Wandsworth Common, S.W., and has had experience of private nursing in the United States of America.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Beckett Hospital, Barnsley.—Miss Elsie White has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and for two years has been on military service in France.

NIGHT SISTER.

Beckett Hospital, Barnsley.—Miss Blanche Sawyer has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the County Hospital, Durham, and has held nursing appointments at the General Infirmary, Harrogate, the General Hospital, Walsall, the Monkwearmouth Hospital, and the General Infirmary, Warrington.

Beckett Hospital, Barnsley.—Miss Kathleen Fitzpatrick has been appointed Sister for the Theatre and small eye-wards. She was trained at the County Hospital, York.

Elswick Sanatorium nr. Preston—Miss Gertrude Parker has been appointed Sister. She was trained at Charing Cross Hospital, and has been Night Sister at the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, E.

* All men's professions are entirely self-governing. Thus the hands of those best able to carry out Nursing organization are *their own*.—ED.

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