

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

### A MESSAGE FROM AMERICA.

The Annual Meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Nurses will be held on Thursday, June 7th, at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square (the Rooms of the Medical Society of London), at 4 p.m. We realise how difficult it is for members, all working against time, to attend meetings, yet we hope every member who can possibly do so will make an effort to attend, as it is very important the registration pioneers should hear the Report of the serious work which has engaged the members of the Executive Committee throughout the year, and grasp the vital importance of helping to attain State Registration of the whole profession, and not merely a system of recognition of the nurses on the voluntary Roll of one Society. We don't want State Recognition of a system of registration, defined by a lay corporation, concerning the standards of which the Nursing Profession has never been consulted, but Registration by the State, through an Act of Parliament, which will authorise the statutory authority to form the Register of practising nurses, and define the educational curriculum and standards for the Central Examination, qualifying for registration after the three years' term of grace.

It is little less than an outrage that members of the S.S.R., whose work has made State Registration a national question, whose Bill has passed the House of Lords, and been given a first reading on a Division in the House of Commons, should have the results of their labours, for which thousands of pounds have been paid, rendered null and void by the Employers' Bill, drafted by the Nursing College Co., through which the rank and file of our profession will in practice be deprived of all economic independence, and placed under an oligarchy of hospital committees and officials, who have no more right to control the Nursing Profession than they have to dominate the Medical or Midwifery Professions.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, will speak on the Crisis in the Nursing Profession, and if he can be spared from active hospital duty, Major Chapple, M.P., will also address the meeting.

From the Department of Nursing and Health, Teacher's College, Columbia University, New York, comes a most inspiring Message expressing its high appreciation of the long and valiant services, which the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses has rendered to the cause of nursing.

Every member who values liberty of conscience and action should attend the meeting, and join in the vote of thanks to our colleagues in the United States.

After the meeting those present are most kindly invited by Mrs. Walter Spencer to tea at 2, Portland Place.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Manor Hill Red Cross Hospital, Birkenhead, Cheshire.**—Miss Lilian E. Hunting has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the David Lewis Northern Hospital, Liverpool, where she held the position of Surgical Sister. She has also been on the staff of the 1st Western General Hospital, Fazakerley, Liverpool, and Sister of Theatres General and X-Ray at the King George Military Hospital, London, E.C.

### SISTER.

**Children's Hospital, Paddington Green.**—Miss Jane Marsh has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the St. Marylebone Infirmary and Gray's Isolation Hospital, and has had experience of Ward Sister's duties.

**St. James' Infirmary, Balham.**—Miss Edith Taylor and Miss Elsie Dalby have been appointed Ward Sisters. They were trained in the same institution and are both certified midwives. Miss L. A. Flower has also been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at the Booth Hall Infirmary, Manchester, and has been Ward Sister at Bermondsey Infirmary.

**Isolation Hospital, Colchester.**—Miss Adah Audrey Patten has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Western Hospital, Fulham, and has been Staff Nurse at the Leicester and Wimbledon Isolation Hospitals, Charge Nurse at the Folkestone Sanatorium, and at the Borough Hospital, Earlswood.

## PRESENTATIONS TO MRS. SINCLAIR.

A pleasant function took place at the Liverpool Hospital for Consumption on Saturday, 19th inst., when the veteran Matron, Mrs. Sinclair, who is retiring after thirty-seven years' service, was the recipient of testimonials, one from the medical staff, who gave her a beautiful morocco writing cabinet, with silver fittings, and the hospital staff a useful bed table and reading lamp. Felicitous speeches were given by the Rev. Dr. C. H. Watkins, Drs. Irvine, Thomas, and Hugh Clarke, and the secretary, Mr. W. H. Rayner, to which Mrs. Sinclair suitably responded.

On the 21st inst. the Ladies' Committee and several interested subscribers presented Mrs. Sinclair with a bathchair and serviceable wheeled house chair, together with a substantial cheque. Regret was expressed that prolonged physical disabilities necessitated her retirement, but the hospital was to be congratulated on the fact that Miss Bryan, so long Mrs. Sinclair's assistant, had been appointed her successor as Matron.

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