

of Nursing, Ltd., great play was made with the prospects of the wealth alleged to be at the disposal of the College. Nurses and medical men were told of the enormous sums to be placed at their disposal if they would only form "boards" and be good and do as Mr. Stanley told them. The promoters of the College are now singing a quite different tune, and they seem to be in some anxiety as to their finances. They have taken the extraordinary and scandalous step of appealing for funds to the public. At a meeting at the Queen's Hall a couple of weeks ago, the Hon. Arthur Stanley is reported to have declared that if the College was to be a success, they must have money, and it appeared to be the right moment to ask the British public for this money, when hundreds of thousands of their men were being tended by these devoted women. It is intolerable that an honourable and independent body of women such as the nurses of the United Kingdom should be held up to the public as objects of charity. The nurses have given Mr. Stanley no authority to beg for them. What nurses want is not alms, but fair remuneration for their services and protection from unfair competition.

The Canadian Nurse says:—"A serious shortage of staff nurses in all the hospitals throughout Canada is beginning to cause much inconvenience to the already burdened superintendent. One hesitates in even suggesting that any nurse stay at home when the call is so urgent overseas, but there are many who are not physically fit for the overseas duty who go, when they would be more patriotic to stay and do the duty that lies nearest."

It is also reported that "among the interesting features of the effect of registration in Alberta is the clause attached to the Bill for Free (Private) Hospitals, which has been before the Legislature in that province. It is stipulated that only properly qualified doctors and registered nurses shall be attached to these hospitals. This was introduced without the intervention of either doctors or nurses, and shows that in Alberta good work has been done in showing the layman the advantages of registration for both doctors and nurses."

Congratulations to the Saskatchewan Graduate Nurses' Association, which recently met in Regina to frame the Constitution and by-laws of the Nurses' Registration Bill passed by the Legislature. It is a short and comprehensive Bill, and provides that the Council of

Management shall be composed of seven persons, of whom two shall be appointed annually by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Saskatchewan, and five shall be elected by the Graduate Nurses' Association.

This gives direct representation to the trained nurses of the Province. Thus the Training Schools and employers are given no disciplinary control over graduate nurses whom they do not pay. A sound principle indeed, and proves how far ahead of us are the well-paid graduate nurses in Canada. No charity doles, and consequent dependence, for them.

In the May *American Journal of Nursing* a Paper on "Testing the Nursing Spirit," by Miss Isabel M. Stewart, R.N., will be found, which cannot be read by us without a refreshing sense of pleasure and relief. It is to be deplored that this leading nursing journal finds an entry into so few of our Nursing Schools: its teaching would freshen them up and broaden their outlook.

LEAGUE NEWS.

The General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses will be held on Saturday, June 30th, in the Clinical Theatre at the hospital, at 2.30.

The principal business will be to elect a new President upon the retirement of Miss Cox-Davies, who has held office for three successive terms.

Miss Simpkin will read a paper on Nursing in Central Africa, after which there will be a social gathering, and, no doubt, a "war tea" in the Great Hall.

The League now numbers close on 1,000 members, and has its own Benevolent Fund, which is confidentially administered. The Isla Stewart Memorial Committee should in time have at its disposal a useful annual sum from investments for expenditure, preferably on a scheme of an educational nature. The late Isla Stewart was a strong advocate of the value of mental evolution—the study of humans, books, travel, life; and those of us who remember how she herself was for ever growing, know that a memorial, to be worthy of her, must be alive.

We should like every new member who values association in this great League to know something of its Founder, to realise the debt she owes her, and to help to extend the value of the Memorial.

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