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### LEAGUE NEWS.

As we go to press the Fourth Annual Nurses' Reunion of the Kensington Infirmary Nurses' League is taking place. Next week we hope to give a report of this function, which is always a pleasant one. The *Nurses' League Journal*, which is excellently produced and published contains many interesting articles and items of news. It is announced that H.R.H. Princess Henry of Battenberg has consented to be President of the Nurses' League.

### STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

Miss Jentie Paterson, so well known at one time as the Progressive Out-patient Sister at Guy's Hospital, writes:—

"I have gone over very carefully all that you have published in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING lately for our Registration Bill, and the criticism of the Nursing College, and, as a thank-offering to the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses to which I belong, I am forwarding a donation of £2.2s. Since the beginning of the war, I have been abroad, and really had little time or opportunity to pay much attention to what the College of Nursing was doing."

We deeply appreciate Miss Paterson's generous gift, the more so as it is accompanied by a courageous expression of opinion. We constantly receive letters from nurses on leave from military duty abroad who know nothing of the Nursing College controversy. The majority have been told from headquarters that it is "looking after their interests during their absence, and the best thing they can do is to join it" and, presumably, "no further meddle therein." It is this attitude towards the rank and file of the nursing profession upon the part of the promoters of the College which is highly offensive to women of intelligence and independent spirit. "If it had not been for THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, I should have arrived home after a year's foreign service to find it a going concern without any reference to our wishes," several sisters have told us.

## THE COLLEGE OF NURSING.

### MEETING IN DUBLIN.

The following letter appeared in the *Irish Times* on December 29th ult. :—

"SIR,—Saturday afternoon, January 27th, has been fixed for the meeting concerning the College of Nursing. Miss Cox Davies, R.R.C., Matron of the Royal Free Hospital, London, and Miss Rundle, Secretary to the College of Nursing, will speak, and, it is hoped, will be ready to answer the many anxious enquiries as to the aims, objects, and conditions of the College of Nursing. Our principal desire in planning this meeting is that every nurse in Ireland shall have an opportunity of hearing and understanding the arguments for and against the College of Nursing.

"Yours, &c.,

"HARRIET E. REED.

"Ivanhoe, Lansdowne Road, Dublin."

Miss Reed and the little group of anti-registration English Matrons in Dublin who are pushing the College have done well to provide a public opportunity for discussion on this "apple of discord." Miss Cox Davies, who is now the chief protagonist of the College policy amongst London Hospital Matrons, will, we feel sure, speak eloquently of its aims and objects, but, as Miss Reed states that the *raison d'être* for the meeting is that "every nurse in Ireland shall have an opportunity of hearing and understanding the arguments for and against the College of Nursing," we are surprised that the names of the speakers against have not been announced in the above letter. We must not have the "reciprocity all on one side," as they say in Ireland. Any way this meeting will give the speakers in favour of the College the opportunity of stating why the Irish Nurses' Association, amongst other self-governing nurses' organizations, has been ignored by the promoters of the College, and its representatives rigorously excluded from direct representation on the Preliminary Nursing Council, provided in the Bill drafted by the College.

### GOVERNMENT WITHOUT CONSENT.

Speaking recently at a meeting of the Nursing Section of the Yorkshire Branch of the National Poor Law Officers' Association at Leeds, Miss Hare, Superintendent Nurse, North Bierley, read a paper on "The College of Nursing and the Position of Poor Law Nurses," in which she said that no body of workers in Great Britain have been so quiescent as to their own interests as the large body of trained nurses. "We are now awake, I trust; let us not be slothful. We owe a debt of gratitude to those members of our profession who for many years, through good report and ill, devoted their efforts to secure recognition for the trained nurse."

Miss Hare then pointed out where the College proposals are deficient so far as Poor Law Nurses are concerned, and stated that the Council of the College had already been compelled to recognise

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