

position of the Association? Were they going to submit or go on supporting their cause?

The President replied: "At this stage we wish to keep clear of any atmosphere of antagonism. I want to accept the position that if they can possibly meet us, they intend to do so, and until we arrive at the position where we see that they do not intend to give representation to Poor-Law nurses in accordance with the petition, then we shall have to re-consider our position; and in the long run, if there is no other means of securing the just rights of representation on behalf of the Poor-Law Nursing Service, we can take no further action, I suppose, until the Registration Bill comes before the House of Commons, when it will be our duty, a painful duty perhaps, to take steps to show that we are not without influence in a matter of this kind."

LONDON POOR-LAW NURSES AND THE NATIONAL POOR-LAW OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the London and District Branch of the P.L.O.A., held in the City of Westminster Union Offices the President said that while he regretted that there were so few nurses in London connected with the National Association, he did not see how this state of things could be altered. There were conditions involving separate working in London Poor-Law infirmaries which did not prevail in the Provinces. On the whole the nurses in London had made a dead set against having anything to do with the National Association. The National Executive had done everything possible to interest the Nursing Service in the scheme of the College of Nursing which was going to affect all nurses in the future, but unfortunately the London nurses had not accepted the Association's offer of help; they seemed to think the Association wanted to get hold of them for some purpose of its own.

ULSTER NURSES AND THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

A meeting in support of the College of Nursing, Ltd., was held on the 25th ult. in the Medical Institute, Belfast. Sir Alexander Dempsey presided and Miss Matheson the Secretary of the College's Irish Board stated the aims of the College. She said over 7,000 nurses had enrolled their names on the register and that it was not alone for the benefit of the V.A.D. they were working.

Professor Lindsay proposed a resolution in the following terms:—"That we approve of the College of Nursing, and call upon all trained nurses to send in their names for registration, so that the Bill drafted by the College of Nursing may be speedily brought before Parliament and passed into law." He said it was about twenty-five years since State registration of nurses had been first proposed in Great Britain. Numerous Bills had been drafted, but the movement had so far

failed to be brought to a successful issue. He believed they were now at an opportune moment when the College of Nursing had brought that subject to a point that did promise success.

The resolution was seconded by Miss Bostock of the Royal Victoria Hospital and passed.

The advocates of the College Bill always fail to state that the majority of the persons supporting it have bitterly opposed the *principle* of State Registration of Nurses for years, and are primarily to blame for costing State Registrationists some £20,000 during the past quarter of a century in the prosecution of their justifiable aim—the organization of the Nursing Profession by the State. It remains to be seen if the dangerously inadequate measure put forward by the College of Nursing, Ltd., which practically places the control of registered nurses in the hands of the Nursing Schools governed entirely by laymen, and which deprives the Nursing Profession of its independence, will be acceptable to a professedly democratic Government. We doubt it.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Thorncombe Military Hospital, Bramley, Surrey.—Mrs. Perry has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, London.

SISTER.

Horton Poor Law Hospital, South Shields.—Miss Martha Haugh has been appointed Sister. She was trained at Newcastle Union Infirmary; and has been Ward Sister and Night Superintendent in the same institution, and has also been Night Superintendent at Holgate Hospital, Middlesborough.

CHARGE NURSE.

Workhouse Infirmary, Blackburn.—Mrs. J. Parker has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at the Sheffield Union Infirmary; and has since worked in connection with a nursing institution in Bolton, and also at the Tuberculosis Hospital, Shaftesbury Road, Birkdale, Southport.

Miss Jessie Woolford has also been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at the Blackburn Union Infirmary, and has been Staff Nurse at the Headford War Hospital, and Sister at the Stepping Hill (Military) Hospital, Southport.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Sarah E. Morris is appointed to Lincs C.N.A., as first Assist. Supt.; Miss Annie Carr is appointed to Maltby. Miss Mary J. Cumming, is appointed to Hammersmith. Miss Alice E. E. Hill is appointed to Brighton. Miss Edith E. Kay is appointed to Swinton. Miss Nora S. Ryan is appointed to Swinton. Miss Louisa Tomlinson, is appointed to East London (South).

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