

hospital training as a qualification for the Register ; and (3) the guaranteeing of one central examination as the only portal to the Register (after a period of grace). Miss Eden also pointed out in connection with the "Nation's Fund for Nurses" appeal for an Annuity Fund, that whether or no we agreed that it was right to appeal for charity (the Fund is registered as a War Charity) in the public press, the fact remained that it was clearly wrong to ask for funds for the double purpose of endowing the College, as well as providing annuities for the public could not possibly know that in the opinion of a large number of nurses the Bill promoted by the College and its autocratic methods would prove disastrous to the freedom of the profession.

To illustrate the danger of the monopoly of a large sum of money by an unrepresentative society, Miss Eden stated that, with a few honourable exceptions, owing to the heavily paid advertisements of the fund it had been found impossible to get letters into the papers pointing out the opinions of those who were opposed to the Fund.

Dr. Briggs proposed a vote of thanks to the chair, and this was seconded by Dr. Hayward, who could not see at all why the speakers objected to the advertisements referred to. (We wonder if he would see if a committee of actresses flooded the press with advertisements begging for charity for the medical profession without its consent.) He was quite at one with them in regard to the differences between the two Bills.

The Chairman had to leave the meeting after Dr. Hayward had spoken, and it therefore closed without the speakers being able to reply to the various criticisms.

We regret that owing to lack of space we are compelled to defer till next week the publication of further correspondence between Sir Arthur Stanley and Mr. Herbert J. Paterson on the question of the decisions of the Privy Council on the defunct Supplemental Charter.

ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION. COURSE OF LECTURES.

Under the auspices of the Corporation the following Lecture will be given this month at the Rooms of the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W.

At 2.45 on Thursday, February 28th, Miss Lucy Bell will speak on "Tales of Old London."

Next week we hope to publish a report of the lecture on the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, given by Sir Frank Dyson, Astronomer Royal, on February 7th.

An American woman has invented a "lip protector," to be used when drinking out of cups or glasses in public places where one is not certain of the cleanliness of the utensils. It is a square of celluloid, folded over and curved so as to fit the rim of the glass or cup and prevent the lips from touching it.

NATIONAL POOR-LAW OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

NURSES' SECTIONS CONFERENCE.

A conference of representatives of Nurses' Sections in the National Association was held on February 2nd at the Union Offices, All Saints, Manchester. Mr. T. Percival, President of the National Association, was in the chair, and was supported by Dr. J. D. Williams (District Medical Officer), Cardiff; Mr. H. Antcliffe (Pharmacist), Sheffield; and Mr. J. R. Appleby (Relieving Officer), Grimsby. Mr. L. Richmond, the Honorary Organising Secretary of Nurses' Sections, was unable to be present.

A report of the proceedings appears in the *Poor Law Officers' Journal* of February 8th, which we in great part reprint:—

The representatives of the Nurses' Sections present at the conference were as follows:—South Yorkshire: Miss J. C. Humphries, Superintendent Nurse, Ecclesall Bierlow; Sister E. Digby, Night Sister, Sheffield, was also present. Yorkshire: Miss J. E. Trimgrove, Superintendent Nurse, Huddersfield. North Lancashire: Miss M. Holland, Superintendent Nurse, Bolton. Glamorgan and Monmouth: Miss M. D. Williams, Superintendent Nurse, Swansea. Hertford: Miss F. C. Wrigley, Superintendent Nurse, St. Albans. Northumberland and Durham: Miss A. M. Flicker, Superintendent Nurse, Tynemouth. Manchester and District: Miss M. A. Cave, Assistant Matron, Booth Hall Infirmary, Manchester. West Derby: Mrs. M. M. Roberts, Matron, Walton Institution, Liverpool; and Miss M. Evans, Assistant Matron, Alder Hey Hospital, Liverpool.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE INTERESTS OF POOR-LAW NURSES.

The President reported on the College of Nursing and the claim for representation on its Provisional Council. He stated that previous promises made to the Association that representation of Poor-Law Nurses should be given on the Council had not been carried out, and after several interviews Sir Arthur Stanley, M.P. (Chairman of the College), had suggested that three nominations should be made for election to the Provisional Council. These three nominations were made at the last conference of Nurses' Sections held on June 16th of last year, and the names had been submitted to Sir Arthur Stanley. From that date up to the present time nothing whatever had been heard from Sir Arthur Stanley; although he had promised that the matter should receive his most careful consideration, and no information had been received as to whether the three names had been accepted, or were likely to be. He (Mr. Percival) believed that a little time ago everyone was under the impression that the amalgamation between the College of Nursing and the Royal British Nurses' Association was practically complete, but it appeared from subsequent information that this was not so. Some correspondence had passed

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