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#### OUR ROLL OF HONOUR.

##### NURSING SERVICE.

##### Wounded.

Morse, Staff Nurse Lilian, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.):

#### A STRAIGHT FIGHT.

In puffing the "Nation's Fund for Nurses," a writer in the *Weekly Dispatch* remarks:—"There is some opposition to the movement by a section which thinks it wiser first to obtain State Registration and then set up a register of nurses, rather than endeavour to secure State Registration with the support of a register and the interest of the grateful public." This is misleading. The Royal British Nurses' Association has compiled a Register of Nurses since 1894. The State Registration Party object to the control of their profession by a Limited Liability Company of laymen, and to the undermining of their economic independence by a charity supported Corporation. It is a straight fight between the Worker and Employer, and the press is doing both the Nursing Profession and the Public a disservice by confusing the issues.

#### A VERY MISLEADING STATEMENT.

At the public meeting recently held at Manchester to push the charitable appeal for the College of Nursing and the Nation's Fund for Nurses, Lady Cowdray is reported to have made the following statements:—

1. "Many attempts to introduce bills into Parliament for the registration of nurses had failed for want of organisation."

2. "Nor was there, at present, any central fund for providing pensions and allowances for ailing and sick nurses."

3. "It was proposed the College should eventually meet all such needs. Its constitution had been placed on the most democratic lines."

4. "A register of between 8,000 and 10,000 names had been already made, and it was hoped to have the whole 70,000 to 80,000 in the course of the second year's working."

Let us take these misstatements in rotation.

1. The attempts of the State Registrationists to obtain a second reading in the House of Commons, for their Bill passed by the House of Lords did not fail because of "want of organisation," but because the anti-registration party of hospital governors and their matrons with whom Lady Cowdray is now associated, persistently blocked its session after session, and used every means in their power to prevent this measure of justice being accorded to the nursing profession, and it was not until this policy of obstruction and self-interest had become recognised by the liberal majority of the House, that the "anti's" made a complete *volte face* on the principle of State Registration of Nurses, and are now attempting to pose as the promoters of Nursing Organisation which their reactionary policy has deferred for a quarter of a century.

2. There is, and has been for many years a central fund for helping nurses financially who have met with misfortune. The "Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund for Disabled Nurses," which grants annuities to those in need of them. There are also numerous other funds for helping poor nurses, to which they can apply in confidence, without being subjected to the intolerable publicity and patronage which apparently inspires Lady Cowdray's public appeal, from which the public is led to infer that the whole Nursing Profession is a pauper class in urgent need of charity doles.

3. We presume Lady Cowdray has never read the Memorandum and Articles of Association which constitute the College of Nursing, Ltd., or by the wildest stretch of imagination she could not venture to call it "democratic." The Company is formed of seven laymen—one of them nominated the Council or Governing Body. These nominated persons, not one of whom was an independent working nurse, proceeded to define professional standards without consulting the organised Nurses' Associations. We have but to quote a few of the "democratic" provisions the Nurse Members of the College are compelled to obey.

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