

backers of which have not been so successful in respect to their Bill. Because of that their proposals are not now before the House. I feel certain that the points on which that other Bill differs from this particular Bill will be considered by the Standing Committee when this Bill is upstairs. I will only to-day suggest to the House that we should now let this Bill be read a second time. It will then go upstairs, be examined and be subject to criticism and Amendment. When it returns to this House, if it is in such a shape that the Government can give it their approval and support, well and good. I can only repeat what I said just now, that we are in favour of the principle. Of course, the attitude which the Government will take up when the Bill comes down here must of necessity depend upon its shape then. I will only, before sitting down, refer to one point which has been dealt with by several speakers. The hon. Member for Lambeth, and the other hon. Members, said that they owed their lives to ladies who had nursed them at different times. I venture to think there is hardly a person, a man or woman, adult or child, rich or poor, who does not owe them something sometimes in his or her life, and, at any rate, a great deal to the care and attentive assistance, supervision, and help received at the hands of nurses. We welcome any measure to improve the status of the nursing profession. It has won the admiration of the world as a whole, and during the last few years, during these trying years of war, it has earned the undying gratitude of millions of people. (Cheers.)

Question put, and agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Standing Committee.

Thus ended a most memorable debate, lasting just three hours, for which trained nurses have waited for many years, feeling sure that were the opportunity afforded, the House of Commons would support their Registration Bill. The result has justified their highest expectations. But we must not rest until the Act is placed on the Statute Book.

Our report of the Debate on the Second Reading of the Bill is taken from the official report, somewhat condensed.

Those who wish to read it in full should procure the Parliamentary Debates (House of Commons) for Friday, March 28th. They can be obtained price 3d., through any bookseller.

SCOTTISH HOSPITAL AT ROUEN.

A pamphlet, entitled "Appeal and Case for Members of the Nursing Staff of the Scottish Red Cross Hospitals, Rouen," has been prepared by Mr. G. W. Wilton, Advocate of Edinburgh, and issued as an address to the Scottish Branch of the British Red Cross Society.

We hope to devote space to the consideration of what appears a great miscarriage of justice in our next issue.

THE HOUSING QUESTION.

The Queen's interest in housing and in the general social conditions of the working classes was greatly quickened by her recent talk with the Mayor of Bethnal Green and her visit to the slum areas of that borough.

Subsequently the Right Hon. Christopher Addison, M.P., President of the Local Government Board, was summoned to Buckingham Palace, and was received in audience by the Queen, with whom he discussed the housing question.

On April 11th the King and Queen will receive representatives of the great municipal authorities at Buckingham Palace, when the housing question will be under discussion.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SCOTTISH NURSES' CLUB.

The annual meeting of the club was held in the Club House, 205, Bath Street, Glasgow, on Saturday, March 29th, at 3.0 p.m. The Marchioness of Ailsa, President of the Club, presided. There was a good attendance of members. Lady Ailsa, in addressing the company, congratulated the members on the success and gratifying results their efforts had met with since the opening of the club in December. She hoped they would go on as they had begun, steadily increasing in numbers, widening the borders of their interest, scope of their usefulness, and strength of their fellowship one with another. As the club had only been a few months in existence, the business that day would be limited to a brief account of the club work.

Sir John Samuel, the Hon. Treasurer, read his report, which was a lucid and masterly statement. Included in it were the reports of the House Committee and Auditor of the Funds, a list of the ladies and gentlemen who had so kindly given their services as lecturers in the series of "Post Graduate Lectures for Nurses" which had been given in the club, the names of donors of gifts and books, and a list of contributors to the club funds. Mrs. Strong moved the adoption of the report.

The Secretary, Miss Stewart, read the names of those ladies and gentlemen who had been duly proposed and seconded as members of the committee of management for the ensuing year. As all vacancies had been filled up, there was no voting necessary.

Dr. McGregor Robertson moved a vote of thanks to Lady Ailsa, and the company adjourned for tea and an enjoyable social gathering.

A SANATORIUM FOR NURSES.

We regret that no competition papers have been received on the above subject this week, as we continue to receive many letters on the subject from nurses suffering from tuberculosis. We have, however, received a suggestive paper from a nurse from which we shall quote next week.

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