

"If you are going to put an untrained nurse on your register, what is the good of registration? Anybody who has nursed her grandmother at home for three years might come on the register under the clause now admitted, just on the same footing as a nurse who has spent four years in a London hospital, passed her examinations and obtained her certificate.

"We also object to the provision by which other nursing societies who will not give their membership have allotted to them eleven places on the Provisional Council to be set up under the Bill, while we have only four. A Bill has been introduced by us in the House of Lords, and the best thing would be for the appointment of a Select Committee to deal with both Bills."

We learn that Mrs. Fenwick has referred this false statement to her solicitors, and that the self-governing Nurses' Organizations have demanded Miss Rundle's authority for her false statement that they "will not give their membership." These free organizations decline to be bullied by the College of Nursing, Ltd., which is a company of laymen, and will always decline to recognise that it has any authority over them whatever. Full information concerning their membership, constitution, &c., is always available for those who have a right to it, which the College Company has not.

COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD., AND MISS THERESA McGRATH.

The College of Nursing, Ltd., has issued a writ for libel against Miss Theresa McGrath, of Manchester—a member of the National Union of Trained Nurses. The next step must be a Nurses' Defence Union.

A FREE ADVERTISEMENT. THE MORE THE MERRIER.

Our incomparable "Uncle Pumblechook," in one of his pseudo-professional publications last week, as usual, devoted columns of space in attempting to disparage our criticism *vs* the College of Nursing Company's tactics in its attempt to crush out the spirit of independence in the nursing profession by incorporating in a rival Bill, to that promoted by the medical and nursing experts on the Central Committee, its autocratic constitution. The College Bill is drafted apparently by persons suffering from megalomania, as are patronising manifestoes which are signed by Miss Rundle from time to time.

Frankly, the independent practising nurses are not going to be crushed out by the College of Nursing Company; we are not going to be governed by the Nursing Schools and their hospital officials, and most certainly we are not going to be dictated to by the lay editors of the press subsidised by the College.

The B.J.N. thanks Sir Henry Burdett for a free advertisement—and that is all there is to it.

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

At the recent meeting of the Council of the N.U.T.N. Miss M. Heather-Bigg, R.R.C., was unanimously re-elected President of the Union.

The Debating Society of the London Branch of the N.U.T.N. will meet for practice on Wednesday, May 14th, at 6 o'clock, at 46, Marsham Street, Westminster (continuation of Great Smith Street). All members are invited to attend, and may, if they wish, bring a friend.

We are glad to know that the Union passed the following resolution at its recent meeting:—

"That members of Parliament be petitioned to adopt the Constitution of the Governing Body under the Bill for State Registration of Nurses so ably drafted by the Local Government Board, and accepted by Standing Committee E."

Miss Eden, the Hon. Organiser, has been doing effective work during the past week for the Nurses Bill. As we all know she has a legal mind.

THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of the Irish Nurses' Association was held at the Society's rooms, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, on Saturday, May 3rd, Miss Reeves, R.R.C., President, in the chair. Mrs. Corbett, representative of the National Union of Trained Nurses, wrote resigning that office, as she expects to be absent from Ireland. Her resignation was accepted with regret.

Representatives were appointed to attend the Nurses' Conference, which is to be held in the Royal College of Surgeons on Thursday, May 8th. The members were unanimous in condemning the uncalled-for attack on the Association which appeared in the *Hospital* of April 26th.

New members and Associates were elected.

M. L. O'KEEFE, Secretary.

PRESENTATIONS.

Great regrets have been felt by all connected with the Cumberland Infirmary at the resignation of Miss Sylvia Parker from the post of Matron there. In order that the value of her work there might in some degree be recognised, the Committee of Management presented her with a cheque and the following illuminated address: "We desire to express our high appreciation of your work in this institution during the eight years you have held the office of Matron and especially during the war, when the resources of the Institution were heavily taxed by the admission of both soldiers and munition workers and particularly at the time of the Gretna disaster which added in an unprecedented manner to your anxieties and labours. The Committee accept your resignation with regret and ask you to accept the accompanying cheque as a token of their esteem,

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