

brious finger at the clause as amended by the Government. It is certainly not legitimate that they should whitewash the outside of their own cup and platter by quoting a portion only of the Government's amendment, thereby bringing half truths to the aid of many former misrepresentations to the nurses. The truth is that because the College becomes liable for 14,000 guineas if the Nurses' Registration Bill is passed, it is manipulating many unsuspecting nurses in order that they shall wreck their Bill and thus destroy the chances of protection more urgently required for the nurses than ever before.

In the light of the attitude of criticism adopted towards the amended sub-section it is somewhat amusing to note that even when the three years' term of grace has elapsed no assurance is given in the College Bill that a nurse will require to spend a definite period in "a hospital or hospitals," and probably this helps to account for Lord Knutsford's conversion to a measure for State Registration.

As a matter of fact nurses who join the College and support its Bill are signing a blank cheque to be filled in by they know not precisely whom but certainly by those who employ them and not by themselves—a blank cheque indeed to be drawn on their own liberties and economic independence. When the promoters of the College Bill hold up the clause in the Bill as amended by the Government they should be prepared to show a definite provision in their own Bill that nurses entering the State Register during the years of grace can claim to be "trained."

For the information of any readers of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING who may have doubts as to the efficacy of the clause, as it now stands in the amended draft, we may add that the Hon. Secretaries of the Central Committee are taking steps to have the word "training" which was omitted in Committee upon the recommendation of the Local Government Board, re-introduced into their Bill but even as it now stands the Bill is infinitely more safe than that promoted by the College Company

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Association will take place at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, on Monday, June 30th, at 3 p.m., when it is hoped there will be a good attendance of the Members.

#### ELECTION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

We draw the attention of Members to the fact that letters should not be enclosed in the envelope in which is returned to the office the ballot paper forwarded to each Member of the Association last week, as those envelopes which have the words "ballot paper" written upon them will not be opened until they are placed in the hands of the scrutineers just before the Annual Meeting. We would remind our Members that it is necessary to read carefully the directions given on the ballot

sheets in order that there may be no spoil papers, and that each Member may exercise her right to vote to the full extent to which the By-laws of the Corporation entitle her. Under the By-laws there must be an equal number of Medical Men, Matrons, and Nurses on the Council of the Corporation and this ensures that all interests shall be properly represented, but it behoves the Members of the Corporation to give careful consideration to the election and to vote for those who, in their opinion, are best qualified to manage the business of their Association in order that it and its Royal Charter may be used to the utmost extent possible in promoting the interests of the profession and its members. We hope that each Member will make a point of recording her votes and returning the Ballot Paper before the Annual Meeting takes place on 30th inst.

#### MARRIAGES.

Miss Henrietta Ward, R.R.C., was married to Lieut.-Colonel Lambert, R.A.M.C., on June 4th. Mrs. Lambert worked for several years during the war at the Fourth Northern General Hospital, and among the members of the staff she has been very popular indeed. The bride's presents included a silver cake stand from the Matrons, a Crown Derby tea set from the members of the Territorial Staff at the Hospital, an antique oriental tray from the members of the Voluntary Aid Detachment connected with the hospital, a beautiful hand-bag from the ladies who have done the needlework for the hospital since it opened and a jewel case and silver teaspoons from the servants.

The marriage recently took place of Miss Daisy Hobbs to Captain Lowry Turner, and we feel sure that there rarely was a prettier bride than this young Member of the Association who, although always very busy before her marriage, yet found time to take a sincere and practical part in helping forward the State Registration movement. We are glad to learn that she has not lost any of her interest in the Association and already we are indebted to her and to her husband for help in connection with the Bill. We number among our supporters a few young married Members who, although not now practising as nurses, nor likely to do so again, are yet helping most ardently and loyally those who were their fellow-workers in other days and whom they still regard as comrades in the long drawn out struggle for the organisation of the profession whose interests they have deeply at heart.

We offer to both brides our best wishes for a lifetime of happiness.

Members will find notices of interest inserted under the heading of "Coming Events" in another column, and information of the Association can be obtained from the Secretary at the official address.

(Signed) ISABEL MACDONALD,

Secretary to the Corporation.

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