

She spoke of the V.A.D.'s, and said it would be a pity if something practical could not be done to utilise their services. She thought many of them considered nursing very dull, and lacking in kudos, and wished to become medical women. Nursing was the most important work of all for women to do, but they must take the proper training. She spoke of infant welfare work and said it was up to trained nurses to see that it was carried out in the right way.

Miss Feild had spoken of nurses having 36 hours on duty in Russia, but when she herself began training in England it was not unknown. (Shame!) Over and over again it happened because there were not enough nurses.

She hoped now that nurses would have an eight hours' day, and proper pay.

The meeting concluded with a very hearty vote of thanks to the speakers, proposed by Miss Hulme.

IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of the Irish Nurses' Association was held at 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, on February 1st. The President, Miss Carson Rae, was in the chair. There was a good attendance. The usual routine business was transacted, and the Committee were pleased to note that Sir Robert Woods, M.D., Member for Trinity College, has consented to back the Nurses' Registration Bill, promoted by the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, which is being introduced into Parliament by Major Sir Samuel Scott, Bart., M.P.

THE IRISH NURSING BOARD.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Irish Nursing Board was held on January 27th, at the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Colonel Sir Arthur Chance, F.R.C.S., in the chair. There was a good attendance. The Board was pleased to note that new members were steadily coming in. The following resolution, proposed by Hon. Albinia Brodrick and seconded by Miss Huxley, was passed unanimously:—

"That this Board desires to place on record its sense of the gratitude which it owes to Miss Carson Rae for the devoted work done by her as its Honorary Secretary during the first year and a half of its existence. The Board recognises that it is largely to her initiative, organisation, and unflinching attention that it owes the success which has so far been obtained."

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST A TRAINED NURSE BY COLLEGE OF NURSING.

We learn that the Hon. Sir Charles Russell & Co., solicitors to the College of Nursing, Ltd., have demanded an apology from a trained nurse, and, failing to receive it, have commenced proceedings, for having printed, it is alleged, the statement that "the College is providing scholarships for V.A.D.s."

The scholarship scheme has been launched by the Joint Women's V.A.D. Department in conjunction with the Territorial Force Association, the British Red Cross Society, and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. We are informed that the money (reported to be £50,000) has been given by the Joint Societies, but whoever has supplied it, we think it ought to be proved to the public, that not a penny of the money was subscribed through the Joint War Committee for sick and wounded soldiers and sailors, as thousands of them are still in great need of help—and not a farthing should be diverted from them in support of any other scheme, however admirable.

WHY TRAINED NURSES ARE CONFUSED.

On January 29th the following letter appeared in the *Morning Post*, from the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman of the College of Nursing, Ltd.:—

V.A.D.S AND TRAINED NURSES.

To the Editor of the *Morning Post*.

SIR,—My attention has been drawn to repeated statements made in the Press and elsewhere that the College of Nursing is placing members of the Voluntary Aid Detachments on its register of trained nurses, and further that the Nation's Fund for Nurses, with which the College of Nursing is associated, is financing the scholarship scheme promoted by the Joint Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

I take this opportunity once more of denying both these statements emphatically. The College register is formed entirely of nurses trained in general nursing. The Nation's Fund is raised to endow the College and to form a Benevolent Fund for nurses, whether members of the College or not, who may be in ill health or who from no fault of their own stand in need of assistance.

Yours, &c.,

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"THE CERTIFICATE OF THE COLLEGE OF NURSING."

The following is an extract from *The Hospital's* verbatim report of the College of Nursing, Ltd., meeting, held on Friday, April 17th, 1916, at St. Thomas' Hospital, when, in reply to a question from Mr. Bonham Carter as to how the thousands of V.A.D.s were to be dealt with, the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, who was in the chair, said:—

"The answer to that is that I hope the College will have in its own hands the examination and granting of certificates as to all classes of women's work in hospitals. As you know, at present members of Voluntary Aid Detachments have, before they can become members of a Detachment, to get their Home Nursing Certificate and First Aid Certificate.

"I hope—of course, I have no right to speak for the V.A.D.s,—but I hope that it will be part

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