

THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A meeting of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses (Registered under the Trades Union Act) will be held on Friday, November 7th, at the King George's Hall (London Central Y.M.C.A.), Tottenham Court Road, at 2.30 p.m.

Many nurses interested in the question were unable to attend the Mass Meeting held at the Mortimer Halls on the 25th ult., and this, and other opportunities are to be arranged for bringing the movement before the profession generally.

AN APOLOGY.

The readers of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING have come to rely with confidence on the accuracy of its announcements owing to careful and expert editorship, and they were, with the Editor, surprised to find that November 8th, and not October 25th, was inserted in the last issue as the date of the Mass Meeting to be held to discuss a Trade Union for Nurses at Mortimer Halls. The Editor has accepted an apology from the Directors of the Press Printers, Ltd., for this glaring inaccuracy, and at the same time begs to inform her readers that as passed for press by her the date given was correct.

STATE REGISTRATION UP-TO-DATE.

We learn that the Scottish and Irish Offices are now alive to the urgency of the Nurses' Registration question and that a conference has been invited by the Scottish Board of Health to be held in Edinburgh on Saturday, November 1st. Nurses throughout the United Kingdom must realise that the institution, by Act of Parliament, of a Ministry of Health, materially alters their relations to the Government where legislation is concerned. Trained Nursing must be recognised as an integral part of any provision made by the Ministry of Health for improving the standard of national health. Trained nursing must therefore throughout the United Kingdom be standardised by Act of Parliament, at an early date.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S BILL.

In the meanwhile Major Barnett has put down on the Orders of the Day in the House of Commons, The Nurses' Registration Bill; as amended (*in the Standing Committee*), to be further considered.

Thus the Central Committee's Bill is not withdrawn as constantly stated by the uninformed nursing press, but remains amongst the Orders of the Day, as a reminder to Parliament of the urgent necessity to pass a Nurses' Registration Bill, which would by now have been on the Statute Book had it not been obstructed by the representatives of the College of Nursing, Ltd., upon the direction of its Council.

THE COLLEGE REGISTER.

The Register of Nurse Members, compiled by the College of Nursing, Ltd., is now in print. Every Company has to keep a roll of members; but so-called "registration" by a limited liability Company is of no real value to a body of professional women:

A State Register compiled under the authority of an Act of Parliament is the only form of "registration" which can benefit trained nurses. May it soon be possible to compile and print the State Register, after standardisation of Nursing education and testing its efficiency, through a one-portal examination. Time's up.

FLORIDA TO THE FORE.

A new law for State Registration of Nurses has been passed by the legislature and approved by the Governor of the State of Florida, U.S.A. It provides for a Governing Body composed entirely of trained nurses, and for a one-portal examination to include the following subjects:—Practical Nursing, Surgical, Obstetrical, Hygiene, Contagion, Dietetics, Materia Medica, Anatomy, Physiology, Gynæcology and all other matters deemed necessary and proper by the board to establish the fitness and qualifications of the applicant.

The fee for registration is fixed at 10 dollars (£2) and an annual renewal fee of one dollar.

Registration is made compulsory. It will be unlawful for any person to practise nursing as a trained nurse without having obtained a certificate, or license, or permit of registration. The Bill provides for reciprocity of registration with other American States.

SCOTTISH NURSES' CLUB.

POST-GRADUATE LECTURES FOR NURSES.

The first lecture of the Session 1919-1920, at which there was a good attendance, was given in the Club, 205, Bath Street, Glasgow, on Friday, October 17th, at 8 p.m. *Lecturer*, Dr. McGregor-Robertson, M.A., F.R.S.E. *Subject*, "The Relation of Living Organisms to Infection, and Specially the Organisms of Certain Specific Diseases."

The second lecture was given on Wednesday, October 29th, at 7.30 p.m. *Lecturer*, Dr. David Watson, M.B., C.M. *Subject*, "Venereal Disease."

The third lecture will be on Thursday, November 13th, at 8 p.m. *Lecturer*, Dr. Sam I. Cameron, M.B. *Subject*, "Complications and After-Treatment in Abdominal Operations."

A series of lectures will be given fortnightly in the Club during the winter months and promise to be varied and interesting. It is hoped that the nurses will take full advantage of them.

The lectures are free to members of the Club. Non-members, admission 1s. All nurses are made welcome.

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