

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Thursday, October 30th, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in the Chair.

After the routine business, the Chairman reported the gist of a Conference held by invitation of the Minister of Health with the Executive Committee of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, on the principal points in the Government's Registration Bill now under consideration. Mrs. Fenwick expressed the hope that the text of the Bill would soon be in print for further consideration, when it would be found that many of the basic principles for which they had worked so long would be incorporated.

The principle of self-government for registered Nurses was to be generously provided for, which, after all, was the most important principle involved in legislation.

The question of one Bill for the United Kingdom, with National Boards, or complete devolution by separate Bills for England, Scotland, and Ireland, is being discussed by the Ministries of Health in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and there is a very strong feeling amongst doctors and nurses in favour of one Bill, if Departmental objections can be overcome.

THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

TOWN AND GOWN.

We hear that a trio of College members are attempting to work up opposition in the hope of creating dissension at the meeting of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses, convened for the purpose of placing its aims and objects before nurses, and the public, at the King George's Hall (London Central Y.M.C.A.), Tottenham Court Road, on Friday, November 7th (this week). Those members of the profession who are demanding the right to organise a society registered as a Trade Union, must realise that they will not be permitted to do so in a peaceable manner, but must run the gauntlet of the creatures of their employers and their subsidised press. This, however, will not, we feel sure, injure their cause in the long run, which is the cause of liberty of speech and action for working women.

Every member of the College Company has agreed to its Serf Clause, whereby the Council (composed almost entirely of employers and their officials) can remove her name from the register of members without appeal. In dealing with the dissentients, do not let self-respecting nurses forget this fact. We cannot prevent "collegites" abasing themselves—presumably in self-interest—but they must not be permitted to deprive their more disinterested colleagues of freedom of action.

"THE NOBLEST OF ALL PROFESSIONS."

Here we have the type of advertisement which on and off has been appearing in the *Times* for two years. No wonder the members of the "Noblest of all professions" are locked upon as paupers by the public and excluded from representation by Government Departments or Councils dealing with their national service. It is scandalously unjust.

CHARITIES AND APPEALS.

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THE NATIONS' FUND FOR NURSES DESERVES YOUR HELP BECAUSE

It has established scholarships for the Training of Sister Tutors at the University of London. It is maintaining in Homes and other Institutions Nurses shattered mentally and physically.

It asks you to help to endow the College of Nursing (Limited by Guarantee), to equip a specially trained Sister Tutor for every training School for Nurses in the Kingdom, to help Local Centres for Nurses, to ensure adequate payment for those who practise the noblest of all professions, to provide a Tribute Fund for the relief of all Nurses, whether members of the College of Nursing or not, who are in need of assistance in sickness or old age.

SEND A CONTRIBUTION to the Hon. Treasurer, The Viscountess Cowdray, at 16, Carlton House Terrace, London, S.W. 1; or 32, North Audley Street, W. 1.

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THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of the I.N.A. was held at the Association Rooms, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, on Saturday November 1st. Miss Reeves, R.R.C., President, in the Chair. There was a good attendance of members. The usual routine business was transacted. It was decided that the Minister of Health for Ireland be asked to receive a deputation from the Irish Nurses' Association to discuss the question of State Registration for Irish Nurses. Several Lectures were arranged for the ensuing Session.

IRISH NURSES' UNION SUCCESSFUL DEMAND.

In response to a circular of the Irish Nurses' Union, *Birr Guardians* granted £10 increase to the midwives of the union. The demand was for a salary of £75 a year, rising by increments to £100.

MASSEUSES AND A ROYAL CHARTER.

Notice is given in the *London Gazette* that a petition praying for the grant of a Royal Charter incorporating the Society of Trained Masseuses and the Institute of Massage and Remedial Gymnastics by the name of "The Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics," has been presented to His Majesty in Council. All petitions for or against such grant should be delivered at the Privy Council Office on or before December 1st.

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