

Past, and the Nurses of To-day in all their activities. In this procession the Royal British Nurses' Association will present a section, heralded by its new magnificent Banner, after which a member of the Association will carry the Royal Charter granted by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria in 1893.

5. Legal Status. This Procession will be a new feature in the Pageant; formerly it was the State Registration Section, in which the Petitioners, followed by Nursing Bills, pleaded for Legal Status. The new symbolism will include the Bannerette of National Health preceded by Heralds, followed by "Legal Status," whose train will be carried by Civic Conscience and Nursing Ethics, followed by the three Nursing Acts for England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.

Self-Government, Self-Support, and Self-Respect, let us hope the early result of legislation, will complete the Procession.

"Legal Status" will present a Statement to Hygeia, who will welcome the Acts, and having spoken the Epilogue, the Processions will reform, and be led by the Goddess from the Hall.

It is with very great pleasure we report that Hygeia will again be impersonated by the lady—now Mrs. Langhorne—who played the part so beautifully in 1911. Mrs. Reidy, R.B.N.A., will be the Spirit, and Miss Isabel Macdonald the Science of Nursing. We hope quite a number of those who made the last Pageant such a success will be in it again. Anyway, the inimitable Sairey Gamp of Miss Ellen Birch, and the Betsy Prig of Mrs. Berens Dowdeswell (née Hunter) are assured of the same enthusiastic welcome they had on a former occasion!

Councillor Beatrice Kent is to be Civic Conscience, and no part will be more appropriately filled.

The Committee hope soon to have completed the arrangements for all the details of the Pageant, and we want the nurses to arouse wide interest in this beautiful Celebration of the Passing of the Nursing Acts amongst the community generally. We want the public to attend and see "Our Nurses" as they are—a fine, upstanding body of invaluable workers, full of national consciousness, rightly ambitious for the uplifting of their noble calling, anxious and willing to support every effort of the State for the betterment of the National Health, and ready to find joy in the service of the race, the country, the city, and the community.

Tickets obtainable from the Sec., R.B.N.A., 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, London, W. Nurses, 5s.; Medical Practitioners, 10s. 6d.; Public, £1 1s.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses was held at the office, 431, Oxford Street, London, on the 13th inst.

The most important item on the Agenda was "To consider the Reference to the Special General Meeting, held on January 8th, as to the future of the Society."

Mrs. Fenwick, who was in the chair, pointed out that the one object for which the Society was established, "To obtain an Act of Parliament for the State Registration of Nurses," had been accomplished, and that as the first Bill for the purpose was drafted by the Society in 1904, it was heartily to be congratulated, especially as the Government Act incorporated so many of the principles advocated by the Society.

The question was whether the Society should cease or continue—perhaps under a new name, with new duties.

The Chairman pointed out that as the Acts constituted Nursing a profession, its members would have greatly extended responsibilities, and that the very special experience the members had had in political work fitted them for certain definite duties. There was immediate and very special work before any society which could concentrate upon it, in acting as the Parliamentary agent of the Nursing Profession, as economic questions affecting nurses were sure to arise in all future health legislation. Indeed, the Hours of Work Bill brought in by the Minister of Labour directly affected nurses, and needed immediate consideration. They were also affected by the proposed amended Insurance Bill. Professional workers would need a Society to carefully consider and take action to safeguard their position in the body politic.

An interesting discussion ensued, and it was ultimately agreed to recommend:—

(1) That the Society should continue under new conditions.

(2) That its title should be "The Registered Nurses' Political and Economic Society."

(3) That THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING be recognised as its official organ, and subscribed for in an inclusive subscription. These recommendations to be placed on the Agenda for the Annual Meeting.

A Sub-Committee was appointed to consider and report on the Bill for the statutory 48-hours' week.

A vote of thanks was unanimously recorded to the Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields for allowing the Thanksgiving Service for the Passing of the Nursing Acts to be held at that church.

New members were elected. The meeting then terminated.

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