

to her could not have been accomplished, was passed with three cheers, and the audience here sang with right good will, "For She's a jolly good fellow."

#### THE FUTURE OF THE SOCIETY.

THE CHAIRMAN then said:—It may be considered that as the Act is passed there is nothing more for this Society to do. But I assure you our work is only just beginning, and the Minister himself hinted that to you. When the Council has been appointed a stupendous piece of work for the benefit of the community must be organised and carried out. We have realised the importance during these years of acquainting ourselves with politics, and because nurses have been brought into a registered profession is a reason why they should realise their political responsibilities more in the future than they have done in the past. I am not at all inclined to regard the work of our Society as finished, and I propose that we refer the matter to our Executive Committee to consider what should be the future activities, if any, of this Society, and to report to our next annual meeting. This was agreed.

#### THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

MISS BREAY announced the Thanksgiving Service for the Nursing Acts at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on January 23rd, at 7.15 p.m.

The meeting then terminated, the audience greeting their officers and one another in a spirit of cordial good fellowship, which augurs well for the future solidarity of the Nursing Profession.

#### COLLEGE OF NURSING, LIMITED.

We are glad to note that the College of Nursing, Ltd., is celebrating the passing of the Nursing Act, and that Sir Arthur Stanley, Treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital, and Chairman of the College, will, together with the Council, be At Home at the Royal Automobile Club, W., on Thursday, 15th January. Lord Sandhurst and Dr. Addison, Minister of Health, will speak.

It is very satisfactory, that as the College Council and its Register were not incorporated in the Act—thus giving it precedence over the pioneer Nurses' Organisations, and making it the Governing Body of the Nursing Profession, as provided in the College Bill—the College is prepared to accept and welcome the Government Measure.

The College will now realise where it stands, and what its future activities can be, and it should without delay concentrate its energies in promoting schemes of practical nursing education in support of the various curricula to be defined by the General Nursing Council.

#### IRISH NURSES TO CELEBRATE STATE REGISTRATION.

Miss Huxley has issued invitations to a Dinner at the Bonne Bouche, 51, Dawson Street, Dublin, to celebrate the passing of the Nurses' Registration (Ireland) Act, on Tuesday, January 27th. We feel sure this will be a delightful occasion, and deeply regret we are unable to accept the invitation to attend, which we have had the honour to receive. All good wishes for the huge success Irish wit and gaiety are sure to command.

#### LEGAL MATTERS.

##### EX-V.A.D. PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE OF THEFT.

A strange story was told at the Marylebone Police Court recently, when Monica Bowie, the wife of a Lieutenant in the R.A.F., was charged with the theft of £60, to which she pleaded guilty. Her solicitor stated that she left school in Canada at the age of 17 "to become a V.A.D. nurse," and while serving in France was wounded in the head and arm. Her husband, who was called as a witness, said he met his wife on the hospital ship Delta which was torpedoed, and married her last November. They were to have sailed for South Africa that afternoon. The magistrate remanded the accused to have the state of her mind reported on, saying that without positive medical evidence he should regard the plea of ill-health which had been put forward with some scepticism. If her statement is true, why was a school girl of 17 permitted to come from Canada to Europe as a V.A.D. and employed as described? Nothing could be more unsuitable.

##### V.A.D. NURSE BOUND OVER.

At Willesden last week, Thelma Clarkson, a V.A.D. nurse, was bound over on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences. In two cases, it was stated, she took men to hospital, persuading them that owing to the state of their health an operation was necessary. In the first case she obtained a fee from the man's wife after giving a graphic description of an operation that never took place, and in the second case she drew the man's wages after taking him to hospital.

##### THE STORE CUPBOARD.

When you order Bovril for the store cupboard, please remember to order bottles, not cubes, as it is not obtainable in the latter form.

Then, stock a bottle of Nujol (ANGLO-AMERICAN OIL CO., LTD., 36, St. Anne's Gate, S.W. 1) which prevents constipation by acting mechanically.

And, lastly, do not forget to keep always by you some "Shell" Brand Floor Polish (ARCHD. H. HAMILTON & Co., Possilpark, Glasgow), the first polish on the market, and still holding its place in the forefront.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)