

NEW CLUB FOR NURSES IN DUBLIN.

The College of Nursing Club for Nurses was opened by Lady Powerscourt, at 54, Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin, on the 28th ult.

Sir John Lumsden, Chairman of the Committee, said it was estimated that in order to equip the club, £2,000 was required. Lady Ardilaun had collected £200, Lord Iveagh had given £1,000, and the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John, £1,000 (money which in our opinion belongs to sick and wounded soldiers), and the London Board of the College of Nursing had guaranteed the rent of £150 per annum.

The subscription was to be 5s. a year for members of the College, and 10s. 6d. for outside nurses, and 2s. 6d. for probationers.

The Rev. J. M. Hatton said the club was to be run on non-sectarian lines, which would be a sort of assurance to the Catholic nurses.

Miss Rundle, secretary of the College of Nursing, Ltd., was present; and to her and Sir Arthur Stanley, Sir Andrew Horne gave the credit of the passing of the Nurses' Registration Act; but omitted to include the services of Lord Knutsford and Sir Henry Burdett in this connection!—or to allude to the fateful June 27th, 1919, when the obstruction of the College officials to the Bill before Parliament might have succeeded, had not the Minister of Health come forward to save the situation.

Mrs. O'Connor asked what was the idea of penalising nurses who did not see their way to join the English College of Nursing, by asking them to pay an annual subscription of 10s. 6d., while members of the English College were asked to pay only 5s. a year. There was no object in joining that College now that nurses had State Registration.

Sir John Lumsden said, as the College had started the Club, and were paying the rent, the arrangement was not unfair. Mrs. O'Connor repeated her question, when Sir John said he had not expected questions, and must decline to answer them. The company then had tea and enjoyed a musical programme.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Emily Browning is appointed to Dorsetshire C.N.A. as Assistant Superintendent. Miss Charlotte A. Palmer is appointed to East Sussex C.N.A. as Assistant Superintendent. Miss Cora M. Drake to Exmouth as Senior Nurse. Miss Emily J. Allen to Bury. Miss Adela I. Austin to Ashton-under-Lyne. Miss Helen E. Eardley to Birmingham (Summer Hill Road) East Home. Miss Lucie W. Emery to Stockton and Thornaby. Miss Ethel B. Holmes to Shoreditch. Miss Martha Jennings to Wilmslow. Miss Jean B. Macaulay to Deal. Miss Gertrude H. Stevenson to Harrow. Miss Lucy Taylor to Cambridgeshire C.N.A. as Emergency Nurse. Miss Annie Willetts to Deal.

DOWN WITH DOLES.

Lord Burnham and the Editor of the *Daily Telegraph* have refused to see any trained Matron or nurse who has called at the office of the *Daily Telegraph*, or to insert their protests against its Shilling Fund for Nurses—projected and thrust upon them by this newspaper without the consent of the Trained Nurses' self-governing organisations, or, indeed, without consulting any other members of the profession with the exception of the Matrons and the one nurse in active practice, who are on the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., in support of whose attempted control of the profession the appeal has been launched.

Whether this new charity appeal is part of the old War Charity for Nurses projected by the Actresses' Franchise League (the British Women's Hospital Fund) or not, is not made clear; but if it is associated with it in any way, the *Daily Telegraph* should have first published the Financial Report of the Nation's Fund for Nurses—started in October, 1917—and a copy of which we have been unable to obtain, nor, so far as we can gather, has it been submitted to the press for publication and criticism. We have called for the publication of these accounts on several occasions, as there are various items of expenditure on which both the public, who subscribed through advertisements, and the Nursing Profession have a right to information; and we are quite unable to surmise any valid reason for so long withholding these accounts. The sooner the *Daily Telegraph* devotes a column to their dissection, the better.

Day by day the *D.T.* inserts various opinions and letters in support of its appeal, but so far, as we have stated, not one letter or opinion in opposition to the scheme has been published. Is this fair to the subscribing public? It is not. Further, we state that it purposely misleads the public, and is a scandalous abuse of power.

Day by day the *Daily Telegraph* supports its appeal with *beaucoup de sentiment*. Florence Nightingale, Agnes Jones and other leaders of the past are trotted out. These women would have unhesitatingly condemned "Doles for Nurses" seventy years ago—and we have progressed "some" as the Americans say. We modern women have realised that Charity spells Chains for the workers, and what we intend to have is self-government, self-support and self-respect. It is to these fundamental principles that the College of Nursing Company is instinctively opposed, and which it nips in the bud in its Memorandum, by taking power to remove a nurse from its register and membership *without power of appeal* (Memo. 3(j)).

The methods of the *Daily Telegraph* are very disingenuous. For instance, it informs its readers that on the College Council are "twenty members of the Nursing profession." So there are, but when the Rules were made *they were all Matrons*—the salaried officials of laymen!—and with two exceptions all these ladies are still under the

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