

for which there would be many openings in the future, without further training.

"STEALING THE THUNDER" OF THE SUPER-WOMEN.

The Chairman at the Evening Session was Dr. J. Kay Jamieson, Dean of the Medical Faculty Leeds University, who said that six years ago he knew nothing of the nursing profession, and he was there not to give but to get information—but he fell in charge of a big war hospital, where he met a large number of nurses. For a short time after that the Nursing Profession had no organisation, then the College of Nursing was founded, which would exercise the same functions in relation to Nursing as the General Medical Council did to Medicine.

When discussion was invited at the close of the speeches, the last person to speak was Miss Margaret Breay, who said that the Chairman in his opening remarks had said that he had come to get information, and she had been waiting for a member of the College of Nursing, Ltd., to inform him of the existence of other Societies before the College was founded in 1916. She was sorry it devolved upon one who was not a member of the College to do so.

The British Nurses' Association was founded in 1887 by some of those super-women of whom Dr. Lane-Clayton had spoken. It received the title of Royal in 1892 and a Royal Charter (the most honourable form of incorporation possible to obtain) in 1893.

She also referred to the work of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses which drafted the first Nurses' Registration Bill in this country in 1904, secured an unanimous report in favour of State Registration of Nurses from a Select Committee of the House of Commons in 1905, and the passage of its Nurses' Registration Bill through the House of Lords in 1908. It would be more just, she did not say generous, but just, if the College of Nursing acknowledged that these Societies had not only been in existence but had been forceful enough to do all this work before the College of Nursing was founded.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE NURSING PROFESSION.

Again, the Chairman of the meeting had said that the College would be charged, in regard to Nursing, with the functions assumed by the General Medical Council in regard to Medicine. That was not the case.

The duties analogous to those performed by the General Medical Council had been placed by Parliament on the General Nursing Councils established by the Nurses' Registration Acts.

RED HERRINGS.

Sir Arthur Stanley, referring in the course of proposing a vote of thanks to the Chair, to Miss Breay's remarks, did not attempt to answer or controvert them, but said that the College of Nursing had approached the Royal British Nurses' Association in regard to Amalgamation as the Royal British College of Nursing, but for reasons which seemed

good to the Association, which he had never been able to understand, it had withdrawn from the negotiations. He considered the organised societies of Nurses should publish the names and addresses of their members as the College of Nursing had done. He concluded by congratulating those present on having had a "rollicking evening."

We are used to the College of Nursing usurping credit for the work of the nurses' self-governing societies, but when it permits the functions of the General Nursing Council to be publicly assigned to it without disavowal, it is a serious matter, especially as an obsequious Press circulates these inaccurate statements. If individual members of the General Nursing Council (and several were present in the room when this was done) do not correct misstatements in this connection, an appeal might well be made to that Council for an official pronouncement.

THE GUY'S NURSES' LEAGUE COTTAGE.

The Guy's Hospital Nurses' League gave a very pleasant garden party at Honor Oak Park on Wednesday, June 23rd, when the extension of the Nurses' Cottage, which was given to commemorate the work done by Guy's Nurses both at home and abroad during the war, was opened by Lord Revelstoke and Mr. Cosmo Bonsor. The initial ceremony was performed by Lord Revelstoke, who rang the front door bell. The Matron, Miss Margaret Hogg, C.B.E., opened the door and bade him welcome in the name of all Guy's Nurses. The guests gathered on the verandah, and Mrs. Lauriston Shaw, the first Hon. Treasurer of the Nurses' League spoke, and recalled the small beginnings from which the present membership of over 1,600 Nurses had sprung. She asked Lord Revelstoke to declare the Cottage open. Lord Revelstoke, in passing, paid a warm tribute to all those Nurses who served their country untiringly during the late war, and to the memory of whose work the new extension is dedicated. Mr. Cosmo Bonsor spoke of the real pleasure it always gave him to add to the comfort and relaxation of the Nurses with whom he had been associated for so many years.

The Matron gave the very warmest thanks of the Nursing Staff to both Lord Revelstoke and Mr. Cosmo Bonsor for their unfailing kindness and generosity. A bouquet of pink carnations was presented to Mrs. Cosmo Bonsor.

Tea and strawberries were served in the grounds and indoors to the large number of guests, Sisters and Nurses present. There was music on the verandah and a tennis tournament in progress on the hard court. Everyone seemed as happy as could be.

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