

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

On January 28th and 29th the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman of the College of Nursing, Ltd., addressed meetings at Cardiff and Swansea. At Cardiff to promote the establishment of a local centre of the College, and at Swansea to explain "The Formation of the College of Nursing, and its Aims and Objects." The address on each occasion was on much the same lines.

Sir Arthur detailed the various activities of the College, claiming for it, amongst other things, the credit of securing State Registration of Nurses. He also spoke of the Nation's Fund for Nurses, and said that the College of Nursing was largely responsible for its management.

At Cardiff there was no discussion; at Swansea, discussion having been invited, Mr. W. F. Brook, F.R.C.S., Consulting Surgeon to the Swansea General Hospital, raised the question of the conditions of admission to membership of the College, and gave details of the training and experience of two nurses refused admission to its Register who, within his own knowledge, were very able nurses. He complained of certain references in College literature, which clearly led to the assumption that nurses not on the College Register were dangerous to the public, yet one of those he referred to had trained nurses afterwards admitted to membership of the College.

Sir Arthur Stanley contended that the College must adopt some standard, but said that probably as soon as the decision of the General Nursing Council as to the standard adopted by it, was made known the College would have a term of grace, extending to the same period as that of the Council.

Miss Isabel Macdonald said she considered the difficulties Mr. Brook referred to arose from the fact that when the public was appealed to, to finance the College on behalf of the "Nation's Nurses," there was no indication that all the Nation's Nurses were not to benefit from the Fund, which had appealed for and received money for all—from an untrained manequin (said to have gone to the Front) upwards.

She stated that the Royal British Nurses' Association had been refused permission to speak at Cardiff on the previous day, and inquired whether the meeting was financed by money arising from the Nation's Fund, from the guineas paid by nurses to the College (which should be ear-marked for quite a different purpose), or by the people of Cardiff. She also asked Sir Arthur Stanley whether "Nurse Juliet," for whose relief the College had obtained money, did, or did not, exist, and why no statement of accounts had been issued by the Nation's Fund, in spite of repeated demands?

Sir Arthur Stanley had stated that the College would "make the standard for the future." Such a statement was entirely misleading. The General Nursing Council, the statutory body set up by Parliament, would define the standard for trained nurses. No other body could.

In reply Sir Arthur Stanley stated that the tea at Cardiff was given by the Lady Mayoress and the Hall was free, but he made no statement as to the source from which travelling and printing expenses were met, nor as to whether "Nurse Juliet" does or does not exist.

MEETING AT BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, February 8th, at 5.30 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre of the General Hospital, Birmingham (by kind permission of the Governors), W. Benwell, Esq., will give an address on "The Organisation of the Middle and Professional Classes," with special reference to the nursing services. All trained nurses are cordially invited to be present. Members are asked to bring their friends. Admission free.

THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Professional Union of Trained Nurses will hold its Annual Meeting on Easter Tuesday, March 29th.

It is important that members should know that all nominations for election of the Officers and Council must be delivered to the Secretary six weeks before that date. It is also important for members to realise that only those who have paid their subscriptions up to date and hold the Membership Card for 1921, can attend any meeting of the Union.

A Private Nurses' Section has been formed to safeguard the interests of the Private Nurse. Of all Sections, the Private Nurse is the soundest asleep! A meeting will be held the second Tuesday in each month at 4 p.m., at 17, Evelyn House, 62, Oxford Street, W.1, to which all Members of the Union who are Private Nurses are invited, to talk over their own affairs. Admission by Membership Card.

MAUDE MACCALLUM,

Hon. Secretary.

SCOTTISH NURSES' CLUB.

The members of the Scottish Nurses' Club, 205, Bath Street, Glasgow, are to be congratulated that it has proved such a success that it is to be extended in the immediate future.

At a special meeting of the trustees on January 25th, the Marchioness of Ailsa, President, announced that at the last meeting of the trustees she was authorised, with their legal adviser and the honorary treasurers, to take such steps as they considered advisable to secure an extension of the premises as soon as possible. It was difficult to find words in which sufficiently to express her happiness at being able to announce that they had secured the adjoining property, and would enter into possession as soon as could be arranged after the May term, and that they had in hand, or promised, the money to pay for it. This result had been achieved by the generosity and energy of Sir Thomas Dunlop and Sir Joseph

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