

opinion will not be so easily nor so long deceived but that it will recognise at last that State Registration, a College if you like, hospital certificates, badges, uniform, are but so many trappings *unless behind them there lies "a prescribed training that shall be carried out in an institution approved by the Council."* Unless, indeed, we build up our professional education on such a rock, we shall yet wake up to find that we have but built upon the shifting sands of hospital convenience, and that, consequently, it will be in some later generation, if ever, that nurses will obtain the privileges, professional status and economic advancement which directly and indirectly should arise for them if the Act were properly administered. For the rest, we consider that those who are so determined to stand behind professional evolution as to stultify even the educational privileges granted to the nurses by Act of Parliament take upon themselves the most serious of all responsibilities, that which retards progress and prevents future generations from reaping those fruits, the seeds of which it has been given to us to sow.

THE NEW SISTER-IN-CHARGE AT THE SETTLEMENT HOME.

Miss Sadleir has been appointed Sister-in-Charge at the Princess Christian Settlement Home at Clapton Square. She was trained at the Royal Free Hospital, is a Registered Nurse, and holds the Certificate of the Central Midwives' Board; she joined the R.B.N.A. in 1895. Miss Sadleir, after doing private work for many years, worked during the war at three different Military Hospitals in Harrow in various capacities. One of these hospitals she organised from its commencement, and later, when the Committee decided after the Armistice to continue it as a War Memorial Maternity Hospital, she was entrusted with the work of reorganising it on suitable lines. Its new Committee of Management had hoped that she would continue to act as its Matron but, by this time, she was feeling overmuch the strain involved in the management of a hospital, and decided to return to London, where she built up a private visiting practice of her own. Her career has been such as to teach her a large-hearted sympathy with nurses, a knowledge of their needs, and we were not surprised to hear from a lady, who took down one of the retired nurses going into residence, of the warm welcome they received at the Home and of many little delicacies, provided as a dainty meal for the new-comer by our thoughtful Sister-in-Charge, out of her own purse. Miss Sadleir has entered upon her new duties with great enthusiasm and the determination to do all that she can to make the Settlement a very happy Home for those who enter it to enjoy a well-earned rest after their years of arduous work. They will find her a cheery and sympathetic friend, while at the same time she will see that the few rules, all made for the comfort of the occupants of the Home, are enforced; the Association has secured

in her a dignified, courteous, and capable Sister for the Home, as well as one who holds high professional credentials. She has the warm good wishes of the members of her Association for the fine piece of work with which she intends to close her professional career, and members of the Association will find a warm and courteous welcome from her whenever they feel inclined to visit their property at Clapton.

The Committee are now considering applications from members for admission to the Home, and nurses desiring to enter it should write to the Secretary at an early date if they wish to secure a room.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE CLUB.

AMERICAN TEA IN AID OF THE SETTLEMENT HOME.

The anniversary of the opening of our Club at 194, Queen's Gate, by Her Royal Highness the President, falls on Friday, May 18th, and we have arranged to celebrate it by having an American Tea in aid of our Home for Aged Nurses, to commence at 2.30 p.m. We hope that the Members who realise the many and varied ways in which their Club has served their Profession and their Association and given pleasure to themselves and their friends, will now do their very utmost to cause this piece of work for the Settlement Home, on the 18th, to have a very satisfactory result. Each visitor should bring an article worth a shilling, buy an article to the value of one shilling, and pay a shilling for tea. We shall be glad if our Country Members will help us by sending either some small article or a shilling towards the Sale in order that we may reach another rung of the ladder towards paying off the cost of alterations and repairs at the Home which Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association maintain for the benefit of Members of the Nursing Profession who joined and helped to build up the Association in earlier days.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

It has been decided that there will be no meetings of the Literary and Debating Society throughout the summer. They will recommence at the beginning of November next. During the past month we have had several interesting discussions. We had a lively debate on the Shakespeare-Bacon controversy, and on the following Monday evening "Five-Minute Papers" were read on various subjects.

MEETING OF THE NAPOLEON COTERIE.

The Napoleon Coterie held its annual meeting at 194, Queen's Gate on May 5th (the 102nd anniversary of the death of Napoleon), when very interesting addresses were given by Major Rigg, O.B.E., and Mr. Reginald Wilson. Both speakers have studied deeply the life and work of Napoleon, and we learnt many things about this great man of which we had been ignorant before.

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