

been convened, stated shortly the reasons why she considered that the formation of such a League would be advantageous to Nurses engaged in Private Practice. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the League be formed and a Draft Constitution (subject to revision at a subsequent date) was drawn up and adopted. A Provisional Committee was appointed with powers to elect Members, and, when at least fifty have been enrolled, this committee will arrange for a Meeting to reconsider the Constitution, to elect an Executive Committee and Honorary Officers, and to do any other business which may arise.

Miss Macdonald was elected to the Offices of President and Hon. Secretary, pro. tem., and Miss Edith Fowler agreed to act as Hon. Treasurer, pro. tem. The names of the Nurses forming the Provisional Committee are as follows:—Miss Daphne Bishop, Miss Eva Curd, Miss Cecilia Liddiatt, and Miss Flora Macdonald, R.R.C.

Registered Nurses who are, or have been, engaged in Private Nursing Practice are eligible for Membership of the League and the annual subscription will be one shilling. We hope that many will join, for there is ample opportunity for such an organisation to function, and we believe that, in founding it, the Nurses are taking a step which should prove an important one in promoting and protecting the interests of Nurses in Private Practice. Its value largely depends on the support it meets with from those whom it chiefly concerns. Application forms for Membership are now available and can, with copies of the Draft Constitution, be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

Provisional Constitution.

Registered Nurses, who have undergone a course of three years' general training and who are, or have been, engaged in private nursing practice, shall be eligible for Membership of the League.

The League shall be managed by a Committee composed of fourteen Members of the League.

There shall be a President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, who shall have ex-officio seats on the Committee.

Five Members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

The Committee shall meet once in every three months and when requisitioned by the Hon. Officers.

The Annual Subscription shall be one shilling.

Objects.

To unite Nurses, engaged in Private Nursing Practice, for their mutual benefit and for the advancement of this branch of the Nursing profession.

To encourage high ethical standards in Private Nursing Practice.

To promote, whenever possible, standards of education and qualification for Private Nurses.

To work for the establishment of a standardised minimum fee for Private Nurses.

To otherwise watch the interests of the Private Nurses and to take such steps to protect and promote them as may from time to time appear advisable.

WEAVING EXHIBITION.

On 6th and 7th June, 1929, Miss Violetta Thurstan had a very successful Exhibition of her work at 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7. Some very beautiful pieces of hand weaving were shown and gave evidence of the artistic sense possessed by this enterprising lady who, jointly with a friend, has taken up this special branch of handicraft. The weaving was beautifully done and the designs were very pretty; we heard many references to the unusual colourings—"colours which do not shriek at you the moment you enter the room" remarked one visitor to the

Exhibition. Thereupon, Miss Thurstan produced little cards with, pinned to them, the different lichens and mosses from which many of her colours are made; knots of wool were attached showing the colours produced. It was very surprising to find how different these are from the original colour of the moss; quite a grey piece of lichen would produce bright yellow or warm brown. Those of us who know something of the history of the old tartans are glad to see, not only the tendency towards the revival of hand weaving which shows itself at the present day, but also, in consequence of this, the preparation of vegetable dyes by the handweavers; the colours of some of the oldest tartans are as bright as in the days when they were first woven, and the dyes used for them were all prepared from the various lichens and mountain plants which the Highland women gathered with so much care when weaving the great clan tartans.

MISS CATTELL "AT HOME."

Miss Cattell will be "At Home" to members and friends at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on Thursday, July 25th, from 4 to 6 p.m., and she hopes that members of the Association will take this notice as her invitation to them.

Miss Cattell's Parties are always a great success, as she is a very genial hostess.

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