

### Occasional Notes.

#### *Registration of Nurses.*

The subject of the registration of asylum-trained nurses is such an important matter that the following report of the action of the Association, by Dr. Wood, should receive the attention of every member. There will no doubt be very serious opposition to the Registration Bill in the Houses of Parliament, and it is at the least doubtful whether it will pass into law during the present session.

This at least is certain, that if nurses are to be registered by law it is our duty to be in the forefront in pressing the claims of the asylum-trained nurses, for whose advancement the Medico-Psychological Association has done so much.

#### *The State Registration of Mental or Asylum-Trained Nurses.*

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The question of the State registration of nurses cannot lie dormant, for it is practically certain that ere long the supporters of the movement will be endeavouring to induce the House of Commons to legislate upon the subject.

Whatever views the individual members of the Medico-Psychological Association may hold upon the subject of State registration for nurses generally, as a body, it is nevertheless certain that we have a duty to perform towards our own nurses, which is to see that in any system of State registration they shall get full justice, and a due recognition of their claims to be included in any scheme which is laid before Parliament.

If we ourselves do not move in the matter we may be perfectly sure that those who have hitherto opposed the claims of our nurses will not move a hand to help them, and they may find themselves left out in the cold. More especially is it our duty to press this matter forward, seeing that the Select Committee of the House of Commons has included in its report a special clause calling attention to the undoubted claims they possess, to be recognised in any act authorising the State registration of nurses.

Being impressed with the necessity for taking action, and it