

### The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

To the Editor of THE HOSPITAL.

SIR,—I am desired to lay before you the following correspondence which has passed between the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses and the Chairman of the London Hospital.—Yours very truly,

E. W. MORRIS, Secretary.

London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.,  
July 31, 1913.

[COPY.]

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses,  
431 Oxford Street, London, W.,  
July 25, 1913.

SIR,—I am directed to forward for your information a copy of a resolution adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, held in London on July 18, which has been sent to the Secretary of the London Hospital, desiring that he will bring it before the next meeting of the House Committee of the Hospital.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

(Signed) MARGARET BREAY, Hon. Secretary.

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The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

The following resolution was carried *nem. con.* at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, held at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W., on Friday, July 18, 1913:

#### RESOLUTION.

“The Annual Meeting of Members of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses desires to record its protest against the practice of the Committee of the London Hospital in sending out nurses to private cases for gain at the end of two years' training, because it is economically unsound that they should compete with nurses holding certificates of three or more years' consecutive training in hospital wards, and because, until such time as a Nurses Registration Act is in force, the public cannot know that the members of the London Hospital private nursing staff, for whose services they are charged full fees, are not required to attain the almost universally accepted standard of three years' training before certification.”

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London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.,  
July 31, 1913.

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

DEAR MADAM,—I am much obliged to you for sending to me, after you had sent it to all the other members of the Committee of the London Hospital, a copy of the resolution passed by the Society of which you are the Hon. Secretary.

Is it a joke, or is it meant seriously?

If the latter, does your Society really think that the Committee of the London Hospital is the least likely to be influenced by a resolution passed at a meeting with no one from that Hospital present?

The Committee of the London Hospital and, what is more important, the public and the medical profession, are perfectly satisfied with the training of the London Hospital nurses, whose reputation, training, and skill only your Society would venture to question. And considering who are the active leaders of that Society, this is no matter of surprise.

The London Hospital Committee are not likely to attach any more importance to a resolution of your Society attempting to dictate to them, than did the management of St. Bartholomew's.—Yours faithfully,

(Signed) SYDNEY HOLLAND, Chairman.

Miss Margaret Breay.

### Mount Vernon Hospital.

To the Editor of THE HOSPITAL.

SIR,—Referring to your article on the Mount Vernon Hospital dispute in your issue of July 19, I beg to point out that I retired from the staff of the Mount Vernon Hospital some twelve months ago, and, in consequence of this, I have no knowledge of the matter under discussion, and certainly hold no opinion either one way or the other.—Yours faithfully,

J. MACKENZIE.

133 Harley Street, W.

[We mentioned that Dr. Mackenzie's name was not included on the list of signatories to the document issued by the dissenting members of the hospital's staff.—ED. THE HOSPITAL.]

### Appointments.

THE following house appointments have been made at St. Thomas's Hospital from August 5 and 19, 1913, subject to the approval of the Treasurer:—Casualty officers and resident anaesthetists (to begin on August 19), W. J. Hart, B.M., B.Ch.(Oxon.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; M. J. Petty, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; F. McG. Loughane, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; E. N. Butler, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; A. L. Sutcliffe, M.B., B.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; H. C. Attwood, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; W. B. Foley, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; and A. Viney, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Casualty assistants (to begin on August 5), E. L. K. Sargent, M.B., B.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., and L. G. Bourdillon, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Resident house physicians (to begin on August 5), H. P. Dawson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; E. Wordley, M.B., B.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; S. G. Askey, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; and D. B. I. Hallett, M.B., B.Ch.(Oxon.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Resident house surgeons (to begin on August 5), F. E. Daunt, M.B., B.S.(Lond.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; W. J. F. Symons, M.B., B.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; and P. G. Doyne, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. House surgeon to Block 8 (to begin on August 19), P. H. Mitchiner, M.B., B.S.(Lond.), L.R.C.P.(Lond.), F.R.C.S.(Eng.). Obstetric house physicians (to begin on August 19), A. R. Chavasse, B.M., B.Ch.(Oxon.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., and F. J. Humphrys, M.B., B.S.(Lond.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Ophthalmic house surgeons (to begin on August 19), G. N. Brandon, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

### Institutional Needs.

THE SURGICAL MANUFACTURING COMPANY'S CATALOGUE.

THERE was a time when a certain degree of sleepiness was a noticeable characteristic of leading London instrument-making firms. But the last ten years have changed all that, and assuredly no such reproach can be levelled against the Surgical Manufacturing Company, of 85 Mortimer Street, W., who have favoured us with a copy of their latest catalogue. The sections dealing with surgeons' instruments of every possible kind are sufficient proof of the fact that this firm is determined to keep the prominent position it has already won for itself; but to institutional managers Part 3, which deals with operating theatre furniture and fittings, ward lockers, sinks, bedsteads, and scores of similar hospital necessities, will be of even greater interest. This business has suffered during the last two or three years from very severe foreign competition, and it is most gratifying to find that a London firm, all of whose goods are British made, cannot merely hold its own with our foreign rivals, but can go one better in pretty well every department.