

doctors. If their nurses were members of the College they might be nurses in any institution, but a Poor Law nurse would be simply that and nothing more.

"Mr. Hattatt moved that the Board support the petition, and Mr. Hentsch seconded.

"Miss Coleman said it was not their nurses that would be affected so much as those in smaller institutions; Kingston, like many other large institutions, was recognised as a fully trained one. Their nurses could always join the College.

"After two amendments had been lost, it was resolved that the matter be adjourned for a fortnight, the nurses to be interviewed by the Infirmary Committee, and the exact position explained to them."

The Petition alluded to is that promoted by the National Poor Law Officers' Association to be presented to Mr. Arthur Stanley as Chairman of the College of Nursing, asking for direct representation for the Poor Law Nursing Service on the First Council of the Royal British College of Nursing, which is not yet sanctioned by the Privy Council. It supports the same principle as that incorporated in the Petition to the Prime Minister promoted by the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, the *direct* representation of the nurses' organizations on the Council to make the Rules, only we intend to bring our convictions and needs to the notice and consideration of the Head of the Government when a Nurses' Registration Bill is before Parliament.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**General Hospital, Cheltenham.**—Miss Mary Webb has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and has been Sister at the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney, and Sister, Night Sister, Assistant Matron, and Deputy Matron at the General Hospital, Birmingham.

### SISTER.

**Reigate and Redhill General Hospital, Redhill.**—Miss Mary Diggory has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Merthyr Tydfil General Hospital and has been Sister at the Princess Alice Memorial Hospital, Eastbourne.

### HEALTH VISITOR.

**County of Pembroke.**—Miss Martha Davies has been appointed Health Visitor. She has been Staff and Theatre Nurse at the Acland Memorial Home, Oxford, Senior Charge Nurse at the Wrexham Union Infirmary, Matron under the Pontrair Joint Board Hospital, and Matron of the Glam Ely Surgical Joint Board Hospital.

Miss Alice Jones has been appointed Health Visitor under the same authority. She has been Charge Nurse at Townley's Hospital, Bolton, and Health Visitor under the Cheshire County Council.

## A WEEK IN "CAMP."

A most enjoyable week has just been spent by some members of the Nurses' Missionary League at Old Jordan's Hostel, Beaconsfield. The Hostel is approached through picturesque and undulating country lanes, and is surrounded by cherry trees and hay fields. Here was rest and refreshment, both bodily and spiritual, for tired nurses, and all were free to spend their time as they liked, simply being lazy in a deck chair in the garden, or going for long walks. There were gathered here nurses from various branches of work and from various parts of the world, all in one common bond and unity. The days passed all too quickly, for there was much to listen to from nurses at home and abroad, and many were the subjects discussed at one time and another. We from afar were specially interested to hear of the work that is being done at home. We heard many interesting incidents about the lives of those doing war nursing, and we realised what a tremendous opportunity the present day has opened up for nurses.

Among us at Camp were five nurses from the foreign mission field. One from Quetta gave some astonishing accounts of the work done there, especially during six weeks at a town called Shikarpur, where she was the only trained nurse. Here the daily out-patients averaged from 300 to 600, operations daily averaged from 60 to 120, (one day there being 169, of which 87 were cataracts). As she said, "it was a fairly strenuous time!" Another of our party had been working in South India, doing practically district work among the villages, and she told many interesting stories of the lives and ailments of the women. A third nurse told us of her hospital at Amritsar, where they train Indian nurses and compounders, and get patients from long distances. The writer was able to tell about work among the Dyaks, the so-called "wild people of Borneo," who are in reality very gentle and harmless, and of her great longing that the medical mission may be re-opened there. One and all from the missions field told how those abroad look with longing to those at home for reinforcements, and also for support in prayer.

Time for prayer was set aside each morning at Camp, and at midday we met in small groups for Bible study, discussing together parts of the Book of Acts. In the evenings there were meetings with addresses, the subject of which was "The Vision of Jesus Christ, as Saviour, as Master, as Friend, and as Lord of the whole earth." From these addresses, from our fellowship one with another, and from the real friendliness pervading all that was said and done at Camp, we have all gained fresh inspiration and real refreshment to help us in our varying spheres.

[We would remind Nurses that the Northern "Camp" in Cheshire, begins on July 18th. All particulars can be obtained from Miss Macfee, 21, Frogan Lane, N.W. 3.]

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