

thought," that Supreme Authority has taken exception to this autocratic constitution, and presumably the amalgamation between the Royal Chartered Corporation and the College of Nursing, Ltd., will not take place. I need scarcely emphasize to you the importance of such a judgment on the public and professional future of the College of Nursing, Ltd.

I may fairly claim to have an accurate and wide knowledge of the views and wishes of Trained Nurses, and, as I have already informed you, they, as self-respecting, independent, professional workers, deeply resent the undermining of the economic stability of their profession by ill-advised appeals to the public for benevolence upon their behalf, by persons who have no right whatever to act in their name.

Reserving the right to publish this correspondence,

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
ETHEL G. FENWICK,
President.

To the Chairman
British Women's Hospital Committee.

SCOTTISH MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Scottish Matrons' Association was held on Saturday, September 29th, in the "Nurses' Memorial to King Edward VII (Scot.)," Chamberlain Road, Edinburgh, Miss Gill, R.R.C., in the chair.

Owing to travelling difficulties and pressure of Hospital work at present, the attendance was less than usual, though 28 members were present.

There was no special business on the agenda, but the meeting proved interesting.

The Chairman, in her opening remarks, said that though not much work can be done by the Association at present the meetings are a source of encouragement and support to the members. One scheme had been successfully brought to completion, and is now in operation. The Edith Cavell Memorial Annuity Fund, which promises to be a source of pleasure and comfort to the administrators and to the annuitants.

The Hon. Secretary gave a report of the "Memorial Fund," stating that three annuitants are in the Home at present, and that a fourth would shortly be in residence; that two small annuities are still available. Enquiries to be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, 15, Alva Street, Edinburgh.

Regarding the Scottish Nurses' Annuity Fund, it was stated that a nucleus of this fund now exists. It was suggested that the name of the Fund be slightly changed, and that it should be called the Scottish Nurses' Benevolent and Annuity Fund. This was heartily agreed to, it being felt that thus the scope of usefulness of the Fund would be increased. It was intimated that a cheque for £25, with a promise of a yearly donation had lately been received on behalf of the Fund.

The members took advantage of the Chairman's suggestion to compare notes on "rations."

Three new members were elected, and five resignations were submitted, and accepted with regret.

It was agreed to hold the annual meeting in Glasgow in February, 1918.

Votes of thanks to the Chairman, and to the Committee of the K.E.M. (Scot.), for permission to hold the meeting there, concluded the proceedings.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

Crown Mines Hospital, Johannesburg.—Miss G. Y. Brodie has been appointed Matron of the Crown Mines Hospital, Johannesburg, an institution of 300 beds. Miss Brodie, who was trained in Glasgow Western Infirmary, has been attached to the staff of the General Hospital of Johannesburg for the past four years.

County Infirmary, Montgomery.—Miss Grace Mary Lloyd has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, has been Theatre and Home Sister at Brompton, and Matron of the Rhymney General Hospital and the Swanage General Hospital.

SISTERS.

Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham.—Miss Ada Stacey has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the North Evington Poor Law Infirmary, Leicester, and has held the appointment of temporary Sister at the above Infirmary since October, 1916.

Bedford County Hospital.—Miss Nancy Prevost has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

Dundee War Hospital.—Miss Winifred Huebner has been appointed Sister. She was trained at Camberwell Infirmary, has been Night Sister at Battersea General Hospital, and Sister at Wayland Military Hospital, Attleborough, Norfolk.

LITERARY NOTE.

G. P. Putnam's Sons have ready for October publication "A Text Book of War Nursing," by Violetta Thurstan. The author knows her subject from actual experiences, for the book was written at the front, and while she was correcting the proofs, the dressing station where she was posted was shelled out of existence, and she herself was wounded. Happily she is making a good recovery.

Miss Thurstan is Organising Secretary of the National Union of Trained Nurses, but was granted leave of absence in August, 1914, to take up her war nursing. She was trained at the London Hospital, and is the author of two other war books, "Field Hospital and Flying Column," and "The People Who Run." The latter work tells the story of the civilian population rendered homeless by the first Russian retreat. Miss Thurstan has been decorated with the Russian Medal of St. George, the Belgian Red Cross Medal, and is to receive the English Military Medal.

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