

nurses of the Allies in Conference would have a significance all its own.

It was agreed that such a Conference was to be arranged if possible.

With votes of thanks the exceedingly interesting Meeting terminated.

MARGARET BREAY,
pro BEATRICE CUTLER,
Hon. Secretary.

STO ET STABO.

We have to thank an unknown host of kind friends for their individual approval, and support, of the action taken by the National Council of Trained Nurses, at the annual meeting on November 29th, in inviting by resolution the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING to stand for election in the interests of the Nursing Profession; especially for their expressions of confidence in our ability to "stand for our principles" and "not to betray the rank and file."

Some compensation these letters for many tugs of war.

TRUE TALES WITH A MORAL.

College Matron No. 1: How do you manage about THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING? It seems to give the nurses ideas.

College Matron No. 2: I skim through it, and if there is anything in it I do not consider the nurses ought to read, I just don't send it down.

In Nurses' Sitting Room.

Nurse No. 1: B.J.N. come down this week?

Nurse No. 2: Not yet.

Nurse No. 1: Ah! then there is something we ought to read. I'll bring it in when I go out.

WHO NEEDS A MINISTRY OF HEALTH?

Mother (to Poor-Law Guardian): "You'll excuse me speaking to you, Miss, but when I see you comin' down the street, I was rather *anticipated*, as I thought you was come to tell me as my little girl was going to be discharged from the infirmary. I should be very sorry if she 'ad to come 'ome now, as they 'ave done wonders for 'er—they 'ave give her outward massage with cod liver oil, which she could never take inwardly, which no 'ospital 'as ever done for 'er. She is quite 'eavy to lift now, so it stands to reason there must be some transformation in 'er inside, don't it?"

USEFUL WORK.

The National Food Reform Association, Danes Inn House, 256, Strand, is putting a series of questions to Parliamentary candidates, as it did at both elections in 1910. The subjects include Milk Supply, Food Adulteration, Health and Temperance, &c. Copies may be had post free, 1½d.

THE RANYARD NURSES.

(25, Russell Square, W.C. 1.)

The Ranyard Nurses have been quietly celebrating their Jubilee Year, the first three or four nurses having been placed in London districts in 1868.

The celebrations were brought to a close by a concert on behalf of the Nurse Fund, at the Æolian Hall, on November 22nd. Very grateful thanks are due to those who gave their services—Miss Margaret Balfour, Miss Audrey Richardson, Miss Irene Scharrer, and Mr. Plunket Greene.

The programme was a delightful one and very much appreciated by the audience, and a sum of £128 was realised. During the interval the Archdeacon of Westminster spoke of the work of the Ranyard Nurses, who number eighty-three, referring to the friendly co-operation which now exists between the various Nursing Associations of London, helped by the Central Council for District Nursing, which meets at the Local Government Board. He appealed for more support, mentioning a gift of £50 which had just been received from H.R.H. the Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, with the assurance that the helpful work of the Ranyard Mission has Her Royal Highness' sincere sympathy.

The Archdeacon also appealed for more workers. There is great need and many opportunities for developing the Nursing Service of London, and it is hoped that many who have been giving their services for special war work will in future dedicate their services to the poor of London.

District Nurses are wanted to play their part in the schemes for the welfare of the nation by helping to make the homes healthier and happier, and so more worthy of the heroes who have fought and died for them. This work calls for a true spirit of adventure and a grip of social problems, as well as a heart of sympathy and understanding.

Ranyard Nurses must have had three years' General Hospital Training and be women of vision, seeking to serve not only in obedience to the example of Christ, but in the strength of His power.

"HOME RULE" IN HEALTH.

A movement is afoot in Scotland, promoted largely by insurance interests, for the creation of a separate Ministry of Health for Scotland, entirely free of any control from London. The advocates of this "revolution" want to see the Scottish Health Ministry swallow the Local Government Board, the Education Department, the Registrar-General's Department, and the Commissioners of Scottish Insurance. This is a pretty big bid for Home Rule in health matters (says a correspondent in the *Weekly Dispatch*), and is attracting much attention in Scotland.

How about a Scottish College of Nurses? We have always advocated the devolution of educational facilities for Scottish and Irish Nurses, as well as for English Nurses; and the Irish mean to have it.

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