

THE ELECTION OF THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the election of Members to serve on the GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND set up under the Nurses' Registration (Scotland) Act 1919, the following Candidates have been elected :—

<i>Name of Candidate, Address and Professional Status.</i>	<i>Votes.</i>
Marget Husband, Royal Infirmary, Glasgow (Matron)	2,533
Elizabeth Dunlop Smail, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh (Lady Superintendent of Nurses) ...	2,384
Isabella Stewart, Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow (Matron)	2,347
Agnes Fraser Crane Jack, Western Infirmary, Glasgow (Sister Tutor)	2,188
Mary Olivia Robinson, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow (Matron)	2,107
Janet Stevenson Hunter Niccol, Royal Infirmary, Dundee (Matron)	2,073
Ann Tulloch, Stobhill General Hospital, Springburn, Glasgow (Matron)	1,925
Florence Elizabeth Kaye, Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen (Matron)	1,815
Margaret Ann Clark, King's Cross Hospital, Dundee (Matron)	1,756
<i>The following Candidates were unsuccessful :—</i>	
Mary Pool, City Hospital, Edinburgh (Matron) ...	1,742
Elizabeth King Brown, "Craig View," Castle Street, Dunoon (Private Nurse)	1,567
Isabella Meiklejohn Crichton, Chalmers Hospital, Edinburgh	1,445
Elizabeth Brodie, Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow (Lady Superintendent)	1,436
Robert Reid Ross, 11, Chiefswood Road, Melrose (Male Mental Nurse)	1,409
Margaret Hunter Jamieson, Kirkcaldy Hospital, Kirkcaldy (Matron)	775

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It would appear that an experienced body of Matrons has been elected on to the Governing Body of Scottish nurses. Their good work is well known, and evidently they have earned the confidence of the electorate, but some means should be taken to secure the representation of specialists as in England. We are pleased to note the return of one Sister Tutor. The present Council has recently made advances by appointing a Registered Nurse Registrar, and in printing the Register, which should be found as the Medical Register is—in Public Libraries and elsewhere.

NURSING IN SCOTLAND.

The Committee recently appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland to inquire into the recruitment and terms and conditions of services of nurses in Scotland has now held its first meeting, under its new chairman, Lord Alness. The next meeting is fixed for December 16th, when evidence will be heard. The Committee is open to receive evidence from persons and bodies interested, but it is to be regretted that the rank and file of the Nursing Profession have no voice on it. All communications should be addressed to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. W. T. Mercer, Department of Health for Scotland, 121a, Princes Street, Edinburgh.

NURSING ECHOES.

On the 10th November the Queen opened the new private patients' wing at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, unveiled a memorial to the anonymous benefactor whose gifts made the building of the wing possible, and paid a visit to the Lewis Carroll memorial ward for children. No memorial could be more appropriate, the books of Lewis Carroll having delighted generations of children. Thanks to the generosity of the deputy-Chairman, all the money required is forthcoming. The completion of the new Nurses' Home now remains to be provided for.

The Queen is seen in our picture talking to the small inmates lying in cots surrounded with reproductions of Carroll's whimsical creatures, modelled by Mr. J. V. Blundstone and carried out in majolica. Her Majesty the Queen, in opening the new wing, said: "As your President, I wish to express our deep debt of gratitude to the anonymous donor whose generous benefactions have made possible the erection of the building, and whose further gift this morning has enabled the building to be opened free of debt. I shall continue to watch with close interest and keen sympathy the progress of St. Mary's. In declaring the new paying patients' wing open I wish you all God-speed in the great work you are doing here and in the completion of those further tasks to which the Chairman referred in his address, and in which I am sure all the good friends of the hospital will help."

Queen Elisabeth of Belgium has been the guest of the Duke and Duchess of Portland at Welbeck Abbey and during her visit accompanied by the Duchess, visited the Harlow Woods Orthopaedic Hospital near Mansfield. We remember when the Queen received the I.C.N. so graciously at Laeken in 1933 how learned she proved in medical and nursing matters.

During a few days' visit to London, where Her Majesty stayed at the Belgian Embassy, a beautiful basket of flowers was delivered there addressed to:

Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth of Belgium,

"In grateful memory of the very gracious Reception at the Palace of Laeken on July 14th, 1933. From the President and members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain."

In all memories there remain little golden gleams, and such in our memory illuminate a visit to the lovely Villa San Gerolamo at Fiesole, in 1928 as the guest of the Blue Nuns, who spend their useful and holy lives in surroundings so exquisite, where it would appear sin ventures not to enter to desecrate the Viale dei Gigli. The following message from Sister M. Alacoque adds to our affection for the members of this Order, whose serenity in active service to humanity is an example to those of us trying to "follow the gleam" in the distracting whirl of modern life.

Sister Alacoque writes: "Far and near we greet you with heartfelt good wishes for your Jubilee, and with profoundest gratitude for noble and unselfish life's work."

How kind to keep us in mind and prayer all these years! The gratitude is warmly reciprocated.

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