

that the Royal British Nurses' Association may, at some future time, undertake the yearly publication of an alphabetical list of Probationers, on the lines which have proved to be so valuable in the case of medical students—showing, for example, the names of all those who have entered as Probationers, with the names of their respective Hospitals, and the date of their entry. The value of such a list, to Training Schools, as a natural corollary to the Register of trained Nurses, could hardly be over-estimated, because it is well known that women dismissed for grave faults from one Institution can, at present, succeed in obtaining admission into others.

Another point concerning the organization of the Association which will appear to Hospital Matrons to be of incalculable usefulness is that it affords the means of maintaining professional union and discipline beyond the walls of the Training School. Before the Association was founded, so soon as the Nurse left her Hospital, in the great majority of instances she ceased to be in touch with her profession in any way. Whether she did well or badly seemed to be of no consequence except to herself, and she had no opportunity of either helping others or of being helped herself. Such a want of union was bad for the individual and worse for the profession to which she belonged, and in removing the necessity for such isolation—in affording a common bond of union and in introducing the element of professional discipline—the Royal British Nurses' Association has undoubtedly achieved important results. Its members are now bound together, and can, and do, render effectual service to those of their number who need a helping hand. There are also means whereby, if any show themselves unworthy of membership, they can be expelled from the Corporation—means which it may earnestly be hoped may never have to be used, but which it is essential that Nursing, for its own reputation, should possess, just as they are possessed and exercised by all other professional bodies.

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Royal British Nurses' Association.

Her Royal Highness the President has been staying during the last week at Darmstadt, on a visit to her nephew the Grand Duke of Hesse.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at 8, Oxford Circus Avenue, at 5 p.m. on Friday, the 12th inst., and after several hours' work the meeting was adjourned until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, the 17th inst.

The quarterly meeting of the Council will take place at 5 p.m. on Friday, the 27th inst., at 20, Hanover Square.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, on the 13th inst., Mrs. Bedford Fenwick reported that she had undertaken the editorship of the *Nursing Record*, feeling with many colleagues that a Nursing paper, conducted by Nurses for Nurses, was much needed. The opinion was expressed that such a weekly paper would prove of much value in binding Nurses more closely together, and would lead them to take a deeper interest in the personal progress and welfare of their colleagues at home and abroad. Mrs. Fenwick offered to place space at the disposal of the Committee for official reports of the work of the Association, and for communication with members. This offer was cordially and unanimously accepted by the Committee, and the Secretary was directed to forward news and notices concerning the Association officially to the Editor for insertion in a special column to be set apart for the purpose.

It is interesting to note that we have now members working at Jagersfontein, Grahamstown, Kimberley, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Johannesburg, Pretoria, East London, Durban, Queenstown, Bloemfontein, Barberton, Williams Town, in South Africa. At Tangier and Alexandria, in North Africa, and at Cairo, Suez, and Zanzibar. At Melbourne, Hughenden, Rockhampton, Wagga Wagga, and Sydney, in Australia. At Meerut, Bombay, Indiana, Peshawar, Umballa, Poona, Mhow, Rawal Pindi, North Trimulgherry, Bangalore, and Calcutta, in India. At Malta, Gibraltar, Cyprus, Jamaica, Madagascar, and Japan. At Taranaki, Auckland, Christchurch, and Thames, in New Zealand. At New York, Baltimore, Grass Valley, Colorado Springs, Normandale, and Chicago, in the United States; and in various towns in Canada and South America, France, Italy, and Switzerland.

The Executive Committee having been requested to nominate a delegate to the Central Conference of Women Workers, to take place at Leeds in November, have deputed Miss Grace Gordon, the Hon. Secretary, to attend the Conference.

The remaining articles, which will appear in this journal on the Royal British Nurses' Association, will be written by Miss Henrietta Kenealy, from the point of view of a trained Nurse; by Mr. W. H. Cross of St. Bartholomew's, from the point of view of Hospital Managers; by Lady Jeune, as "one of the public"; and by Miss Marion Humfrey, as a Member.

According to the regulations for the future, only Nurses who have registered are eligible for membership.

It will save trouble to Nurses about to join the Association to know that if they are still working in the institution where they have been trained for three years, that it is only necessary for the Matron to sign their form of application; no further references need be given.

Nurses who have been working in various Hospitals must refer to the Matron of each Institution in which they have gained experience, so that each may be referred to.

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