

The nomination list for the General Council for 1895-6 will, in accordance with the Bye Laws, be submitted to the meeting of the General Council in April, and amongst those new members who will be elected upon that body we hope there will be many who will take and show an active interest in the welfare and progress of the great work in which the Association is engaged. We have often expressed the opinion that we Nurses must work out our own professional salvation, and this can only be done by *personal service* and individual work.

We have, before us, several interesting letters from Scottish members concerning the present position of the Scottish Branch of our Association, and on which we hope to express our opinion in due course—it being, of course, distinctly understood that as this Journal is not, and never has been the organ of the Association, our policy remains, as it has always been, entirely independent. The NURSING RECORD is the representative organ of the Nursing Profession, not of any single Nursing Society, however excellent. It is always glad to give its support to all good movements, but it will never consent to be the mouth-piece of any one alone.

Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, Scottish Branch.

THE Sixth Annual Report of the Scottish Branch has just been issued, and we observe that the Committee have an excellent record of work performed in the past year. The Queen has been pleased to reappoint H.R.H. Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, as President of the Scottish Council, which consists of eight members, appointed by Her Majesty, eight members recommended for appointment by eight public bodies, eight by the subscribers, and a member each by associations employing not fewer than six Queen's Nurses. Fifty-one associations are now affiliated to the Institute, and thirty-three nurses are on the list, twenty-seven of whom are under training. The income amounted to £1,583, and the expenditure to £2,046, and the deficiency of £463 was made up from a reserve fund. During the year, courses of lectures on hygiene, obstetrics, and fevers have been given to the nurses by physicians in Edinburgh.

Miss Wade, M.R.B.N.A., is the Lady Superintendent, and Miss C. E. Guthrie Wright the Hon. Secretary. The Scottish Needlework Guild (which is in connection with the Scottish branch of the institute, and has for patroness the Duchess of Fife, and for its Edinburgh President the Hon. Mrs. Balfour) has done good work by supplying a quantity of clothing, invalid food, and comforts for the patients, besides £25 worth of invalid appliances.

The Link Shell Truss Co., 171, Wardour Street, London, W., have a new truss. It is claimed that by this method of manufacture a truss is provided which will be more comfortable than the one in ordinary use and better able to adapt itself to the various movements of the body, especially if these are of a sudden character. The truss is fitted with a hip-joint regulator by means of which the pressure is increased or diminished as required and with a soft hollow shell pad perforated for ventilation. The Truss as thus completed is an efficient one.—*Lancet*, August 4th, 1894.

Registered Nurses' Society.



A Meeting of the Committee was held at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at 5 p.m., when a most satisfactory report was presented by Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK, the Hon. Superintendent. A steady increase continues to be shown in the demand for Nurses both by leading medical men and the public. Consequently the receipts show each month a marked

development.

A Resolution, "That, in future, all selected applicants be engaged on a three months' probation, before they are finally elected to membership," was, after some discussion, unanimously adopted; so that from this date this regulation will come into force—no member being elected until after the expiration of a three months' trial.

Four new candidates were appointed on probation.

Nursing Echoes.

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IN consequence of the increasing pressure upon our space through the many matters of interest which are sent to the Editor by her valued friends and correspondents at home and abroad, it has for some time past become more and more essential that the size of the NURSING RECORD should be enlarged. It is now our pleasing duty to announce that the financial success and circulation of the paper are so steadily increasing, that the proprietor of the journal has decided that, on and after April 6th, not only this enlargement in the number of pages, but also other improvements, shall take effect, while the NURSING RECORD will thenceforward appear in a new and more artistic cover. With this increased space at our disposal we shall, at last, be able to carry out several new departures which want of room has hitherto prevented us from commencing. One of these is described in our advertisement columns this week, under the heading of Prizes, and to this announcement, therefore, we would specially direct the attention of our readers. We trust that many Nurses will regularly compete for these Prizes, because there can be no doubt that careful note taking of their patients' progress is of the greatest educational value.

Reduction of Munson Typewriter prices from £21 to £12 12s., our Odell Typewriter reduced to 65s., particulars of both free.—LINK-SHELL TRUSS Co., Surgical Instrument Makers.

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