

persuade the above-named committee to discuss this matter at this meeting. Various difficulties present themselves as to deciding the question, which nurses are to profit by the fund and which not. Waiting for the things that as yet belong to the future, it seems advisable that nurses, who have not a pension secured to them by the hospital in which they are working, should contract the payment of a capital or life-annuity with one of the numerous solid societies for life-insurance. The secretary closed her report by inviting all those present to further the aim and work of the "Bond" by their moral and material support and by the winning of new members and donators.

Lady J. De Bosch Kemper was unanimously re-elected as secretary and treasurer. Dr. de Monchy, resigning member of the Board of Management, was substituted by Dr. J. A. Guldenarm. The Chairman offered a vote of thanks to Lady De Bosch Kemper and Dr. de Monchy for all they had done to further the cause of sick-nursing, and expressed his joy at the fact, that the former consented to be re-elected. After this the Chairman placed the following proposal before the assembly :

"The Board of Management asks from the General Meeting a credit of one thousand florins at the most, to be disposed of on behalf of nurses."

The Chairman explained that the greater part of this sum would be spent in giving nurses an opportunity to follow a course of cooking in different schools for housekeeping. In the past year, several nurses have profited from the aid of the "Bond" in this respect; twelve nurses of the Wilhelmina Hospital at Amsterdam, also nurses from Harlem, Rotterdam and Utrecht. The Chairman, however, suggested two conditions:— (1) That only certified nurses, who have finished their training, shall be given the advantages of attending the cooking course; (2) That the nurses, privileged in this way, shall be members and donators of the Dutch Nursing Association. The "Bond" must keep in sight its pecuniary interests, and on the part of the nurses, who enjoy the privilege of attending such a series of lessons in culinary science, a certain amount of sympathy may be expected, large, enough to urge them to become members of the Association. This proposal was accepted by the assembly, which also gave the desired consent to the asked-for credit. The suggestion of Dr. Guldenarm, that the course of cooking should be given in the kitchens of the hospitals, and not in the different schools for housekeeping, called forth a most lively discussion. Lady De Bosch Kemper agreed that it proved to many nurses a great difficulty to attend at regular times a course of cooking, held outside the hospital. Considered from this point of view, it seemed desirable that the lessons in the

art of cooking should be given in the hospital kitchen. Several things however, necessary for teaching purposes are wanting in the hospital kitchens. Therefore she suggested that at the end of the course some lessons should be given in the hospital kitchen by way of practice. Answering to the remarks of Dr. Guldenarm, that nurses ought to know how the cooking work is done in the hospital kitchen, she demonstrated, that the lessons in the art of cooking are given not only on behalf of hospital nurses, but also for the good of future district and private nurses.

The Matron of one of our leading hospitals did not think it an impossibility, that a course of cooking should be included in the curriculum of the hospital training schools, upon the condition, however, that there should be a model-kitchen in the hospital itself, and a teacher wholly competent to instruct thoroughly.

The chairman gave as his opinion that this project deserved to be earnestly taken into consideration.

According to Art. II. of the statute (permitting the admission as members of those persons who have in some way or other furthered the cause of sick-nursing) the membership of the Dutch Nursing Association was conferred upon Miss C. van Meerten at Amsterdam.

As the place for the next general meeting of the "Bond" one of the central towns of our country was chosen, most probably Zwolle.

Before closing the meeting the chairman mentioned in a few words the relation of the "Bond" to the Psychological Association. Some years ago the "Bond" declared that a lunatic asylum could not be considered as a general hospital, where nurses may be trained for sick-nursing. The chairman now suggested a compromise between the "Bond" and the above-named Association, although he thought it an undeniable fact that sick-nursing is quite another thing from the nursing of insane. Nevertheless, a mental nurse, certificated by the Psychological Association, may be trained in one year or one year and a-half as a nurse, fit for sick-nursing in general, as well as a nurse, holding a certificate, acknowledged by the "Bond," may be fitted in the same time for mental nursing.

In consequence of the request, made by the Psychological Association to its Committee for permission to consider this question with the "Bond," the Chairman asked the consent of the assembly to an eventual arrangement on this point with the above mentioned Association.

The assembly gave its full consent and the meeting was brought to an end by the Chairman.

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