

not see much probability of such a happiness being mine as to be in England for many years to come, if ever. I cannot tell you *how* deeply interested I have been in reading about the meetings of the Matrons' Council in the **NURSING RECORD**, and feel it a great privilege to be an honorary member of the Council.

Believe me,

Very faithfully yours,

M. D. FARQUHARSON.

Lady Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS FROM REGISTERED NURSES' SOCIETY.

It was reported that at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Registered Nurses' Society, held on October 11th last, the following resolutions were passed:—

1. That Condition I. of Membership in so far as it relates to members of the Registered Nurses' Society being necessarily Registered Members of the Royal British Nurses Association be, and hereby is rescinded.

2. That it be a condition in future for membership of the Registered Nurses Society that candidates shall have satisfied the Matrons' Council, or such other Body as the Committee of the Society shall accept, as to their professional qualifications and personal character.

(3) "That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to the Matrons' Council, and that they be requested to consider the matter."

Considerable discussion took place, in which the Hon. Superintendent of the Registered Nurses' Society stated that she had given notice of a Resolution, that from 1899, no nurse would be eligible for membership of the Society unless she passed a prescribed Examination by a public and unbiassed Board. Many certificated nurses were asking for this reform in their professional education, and as Registration by the Royal British Nurses' Association had now lost all prestige, owing to the half-trained Matrons and nurses elected on to its Executive Committee and General Council, the time seemed ripe to take the matter into consideration.

It was decided to acknowledge the receipt of these Resolutions, and to inform the Committee of the Registered Nurses' Society that the matter had been referred by the Council to the Executive Committee for its consideration, which would take into full and earnest consideration the whole question of the future organization of the Nursing Profession, on representative lines, as requested at the Nursing Conference.

A CHAIR OF CLINICAL NURSING.

The Hon. Secretary reported that at the last Meeting of the Executive Committee, attention was drawn to the fact that the University of Durham proposes to form a College for women, with a Lady Principal at its head, and to admit women to all the degrees of the University, and that it was decided to bring the matter before the next meeting of this Council, and to recommend it to bring before the University authorities the desirability of founding a Chair of Clinical Nursing.

After discussion, it was resolved that the Executive Committee should draw up a Resolution, and forward it to the University authorities.

THE NURSING DIRECTORY.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee, that certificated nurses trained in hospitals containing 80 beds instead of 100 beds should be eligible for admission to the *Nursing Directory* was considered, and it was ultimately resolved:

"That the whole question of the *Nursing Directory* be referred to the Executive Committee, and a report presented to the next meeting of the Council."

The proceedings then terminated.

MARGARET BREAY,

Hon. Secretary.

Appointments.

MATRON.

MISS PHOEBE E. BERWICK has been appointed Matron of the Fife and Kinross District Asylum, Cupar. Miss Berwick was trained and certificated in the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, and the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. During the last two years she has been working in the Perth District Asylum, first as Nurse in Charge of the Hospital Section, and latterly as Assistant Matron. We must again express pleasure that a thoroughly qualified nurse has been appointed as Matron of an asylum for the insane.

SISTER IN CHARGE.

MISS ADA LORTON has been appointed Sister in Charge of the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Northfield, Birmingham. Miss Lorton received training in the Solihull Union Infirmary, and has acted as Charge Nurse at the Infectious Hospital, Witton.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSES.

MISS ALICE SKELTON was appointed, on the 11th inst., to be Superintendent Nurse at the Darenth Schools for Imbeciles. Miss Skelton was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital. Her previous appointments have been:—St. Thomas' Hospital, Probationer, Staff and Charge Nurse, 1889—93; North Eastern Fever Hospital, Charge Nurse, 1893—96; St. Pancras Infirmary, Highgate, Night Superintendent, 1896—98.

MISS CHARLES has been appointed Superintendent Nurse to the Infirmary of the Warwick Union. She was trained at the Chorlton Union Hospital, Manchester, and held the position of Charge Nurse—in which capacity she was responsible for the training of probationers—for five years under this Union. She subsequently held the position of Charge Nurse and Maternity Nurse at the Doncaste Union Infirmary, and of Charge Nurse at the Union Infirmary, Leeds.

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