

were only 263 sick nurses and attendants. As far as London is concerned, the ten years, therefore, shows an increase of only 101 men and of at least 2,000 women nurses. After the age of 45, 5,317 nurses were married, against 1,081 unmarried; before that age 1,546 were married against 7,766 unmarried; or, in other words, the proportions are exactly reversed. The curious fact then becomes apparent, that, before the age of 40, on the average, only one nurse in five is married; after that age only one in five is unmarried. From which again two other interesting facts appear. The proportion of nurses who marry is rather smaller, and they marry at an older age than other women in London, at any rate; and a large proportion of them continue their work after their marriage, or return to it in widowhood.

With regard to foreigners, there were last year in London 67 Russians, 23 Poles, 6 Swedes, 1 Norwegian, 12 Danes, 12 Dutch, 2 Belgians, 53 French, 69 Germans, 4 Austrians, 8 Swiss, 1 Spaniard, 1 Portuguese, 4 Italians, 1 Greek, 1 Servian, 3 Turks, 22 Americans, and five others working as female nurses, or 295 in all, while only 13 male nurses were foreigners. Compared with the figures for 1891 as given above, this decrease in the foreign element is very remarkable and noteworthy.

It is painful to observe that out of 693 who have retired from nursing, nearly one-half—viz. 333 are in workhouses, infirmaries, or lunatic asylums, while 360 are noted as being pensioned or married.

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THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF NURSES.

The committee of five representing the federation of our two societies, viz. the Associated Alumnae and the Society of Superintendents, have asked Miss Nutting, of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, to accept the presidency of the federation, and she has consented.

In February, 1902, beginning on the 19th, the triennial meeting of the National Council of Women will be held in Washington—the first one since our admission. We will be represented at this triennial by our president and Miss Linda Richards, who will be privileged to vote on motions, but any nurse who is a member of the federation may attend the sessions.

We have the right to present two resolutions, and have been called on to make suggestions for the programme. The federation has been asked

to appoint a representative nurse upon a committee whose duty it shall be to bring the National Council of America into closer relations with international movements. This nurse's duties will be: to be watchful of any changes in the public mind towards the department of work which she represents (the entire work of nursing); to note any practical manifestation of such changes, either in the establishment of an institution or the organization of a new society, the modification of an existing law (or, in our case, the establishment of law), or in public expression by speech or writing; also to keep herself informed of the progress of thought in foreign countries upon the subject. A month before the Annual Executive she will send a memorandum containing the result of her observation and studies to Mrs. May Wright Sewall.

This important and interesting work has been taken up by Miss Sophia Palmer.

We have also been asked to appoint a nurse who would assist in promoting a general demonstration in favour of arbitration and universal peace, to be held next May in all the civilised nations simultaneously. Mrs. Sewall is also the chairman of this movement.

The pin of the National Council of Women may be worn by any affiliated nurse, and may be ordered from Kate Waller Barrett, M.D., the corresponding secretary of the Council, at 218, Third Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The pin comes in two grades, one of rolled gold for seventy-five cents, and one of solid gold for one dollar and twenty-five cents, and is of beautiful design.

As we are now beginning to take an active place in the council, and shall thus be in relation with women all over the world who stand for progress and a general uplifting, it is ardently to be hoped that all of our members who have time will interest themselves individually in this affiliation, inform themselves as to what women are doing, and educate themselves to hold intelligent opinions on the constantly arising questions which will be brought before us.

L. L. Dock, Secretary.

RELIEF STATIONS.

Many of the large American hospitals situated in airy spaces some distance from the industrial centres of a town are instituting "Relief Stations" in the densely populated parts of the city, where accident and emergency cases can be attended to. The opening of the beautiful new "relief" to the City Hospital at Boston was quite a gala occasion, when hundreds of visitors were received by the President, the Trustees, and officers. President Shuman, in an eloquent address, touched on the facts pertinent to

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