

Hon. Vice-President, has met with keen opposition in her attempt to inaugurate professional co-operation amongst German nurses. But the spirit of progress is awake in the land, and already there are signs that in the near future the demand upon the part of trained nurses for a less conventual system of work must be conceded. The nurses who object to work in community are now known as the Free Sisters, and this little band of courageous women will, no doubt, with time and determination effect the liberation of trained nurses in Germany from conditions of labour which are incompatible with the spirit of an age which demands responsibility for personal action.

A school for Hospital Matrons in Germany has been organised by the Sisters of the Bavarian Association of the Red Cross at Munich, of which Sister Clementine von Wallmenich is head, and it has been entrusted with training Matrons for all the German Red Cross Homes; its constitution is wonderfully complete.

*In India.*—Miss Charlotte Richmond Mill, Lady Superintendent of St. George's Hospital, Bombay, has accepted the invitation to act as Hon. Vice-President for India. Miss Mill held, in this country, the position of Assistant Matron at the Lewisham Infirmary, and had experience in India as a sister in the Plague Nursing Service.

#### CONSULTATION WITH HON. SECRETARY.

In August of this year I met the Hon. Secretary, Miss L. L. Dock, in conference at Amsterdam in reference to the necessary arrangements for the forthcoming meeting of the Grand Council at Berlin in June, 1904, when the hon. officers for the next quinquennial period must be elected, and reports received of the condition of nursing in the various countries represented in the International Council.

I beg to suggest the following ladies be nominated for election for the positions as Hon. Officers:—

#### PRESIDENT.

Miss Susan B. McGahey, graduate London Hospital Training-School for Nurses, London; Hon. Vice-President for Federated Australia; Lady Superintendent of Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney; President of the Prince Alfred Hospital Trained Nurses' Reunion; late Hon. Secretary Australasian Trained Nurses' Association, and its Delegate to the International Council of Nurses and Congress, Buffalo, U.S.A., 1901; Hon. Member Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland; Member Australasian Matrons' Council.

#### HON. SECRETARY.

Miss L. L. Dock, the present Hon. Secretary, has consented to stand for re-election.

#### HON. TREASURER.

Miss Margaret Brey, Hon. Secretary of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, late

Matron of the Metropolitan Hospital, London, and Matron of the English Hospital, Zanzibar, Assistant Editor BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, Graduate St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

#### AGENDA FOR THE QUINQUENNIAL MEETING.

It is suggested that reports shall be invited from experts in the various countries on—

1. *Legislation* effected for Trained Nurses—
  - (a) By State Registration;
  - (b) Under Government Departments in the Army and the Navy.
2. *Education.*

To define a curriculum of education and a minimum standard qualifying for registration as a trained nurse.

ETHEL G. FENWICK,  
President.

The report was adopted.

Interesting letters were then read from Mrs. Gordon Norrie, of Denmark; Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary; Miss S. B. McGahey, New South Wales; Mrs. Dita Kinney, War Office, Washington; Miss Harriet Fulmer, Chicago; Mrs. Neill, New Zealand; and Dr. Anna Hamilton, Bordeaux.

The arrangements for the Quinquennial Session to be held in Berlin in June next were considered, and names suggested of ladies to be invited to contribute reports on Legislation and Education, as proposed in the President's report.

Miss Mollett, who was present, stated that, according to arrangement, she had made inquiries concerning the cost of a ten days' visit to Berlin to attend the meeting of the International Council of Nurses and International Congress of Women, and was prepared to organise a party of nurses of not less than twenty. This offer was gratefully accepted.

The meeting then terminated.

E. G. F.

## Medical Women in Russia.

The Institute of Medical Women which was opened two or three years ago in St. Petersburg has recently conferred diplomas on several students for the first time. In reply to an address by the council of the institute, the Czar has telegraphed the following gracious message: "The Czarina and myself sincerely thank the council of the St. Petersburg Institute of Medical Women for the sentiments which it has expressed. May God bless the Medical Women, who are accomplishing a generous and philanthropic task by working sincerely and honourably for those who suffer, with that lofty self-abnegation which is characteristic of the Russian women." Eleven women received diplomas qualifying them to practise medicine.

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