

had time to teach me anything before to-day.”
 “Oh, is that all? Well, that is as plain as our new wardmaid. The Registration Bill is passed.”

“What has that to do with us?”

“Carr, your ignorance is sublime. Don't you understand that if there is a Central Examination Board, before which we all must one day appear as the hymn says, we must be taught a little, or it will look jolly bad for the King's Own if all our nurses fail. In future you will be given a chance to learn, so that you may pass your final exams with credit to your teachers. Now add to your prayers every night a special blessing for the women who have worried that Bill through for you, for if they had not done it, my dear, I am afraid it is a rough time you would have had here, almost as rough as your poor patients have been having.”

Then the bell rang, and I awoke. The wonderful Bill had not been passed, and as for me, I must go and be scolded some more.

M. H.

Purity in Home Life.

The movement started some time ago in the Metropolitan Dioceses to enlist the interest of Hospital nurses in the work of the Mothers' Union, which aims at the promotion of purity in home life, is, we are glad to learn, progressing steadily. Meetings have been held at Westminster, St. Mary's, and Guy's Hospitals, and other nursing centres, and two branches of the Union which are the outcome of the work of nurses continue to do well. The branch at the East End Mothers' Home has grown so large that the Matron cannot accommodate any more at the meetings. At Guy's, and St. Mary's, interest is fostered by two of the Sisters, and it is hoped in time to get a Sister in every hospital to act as the representative of the Union and keep up interest in the work. Some of the Q.V.J.I. Superintendents are warm supporters of the work of the Union.

Nurses are not pressed to join the Union themselves, but, as opportunity offers to bring its work before their patients and if they arouse interest to put the local Mothers' Union Worker in touch with the mothers who visits them on their return home and endeavours to carry on the work which the nurse has begun. Nurses desiring to know more of the Mothers' Union should communicate with Mrs. Russell, St. Stephen's Vicarage, Battersea, S.W., who will be glad to give further information concerning its work and objects.

The International Council of Nurses.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CAXTON HALL, WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.

Monday, July 19th, 1909, at 11 a.m.

The Chair will be taken by the President or her representative at 11 a.m.

Order of Business.

Address of welcome and watchword until next meeting.

Reports from Federated Councils:

1. Great Britain and Ireland, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.
2. United States of America, Miss Nutting.
3. Germany, Fraulein Karll.

Admission to membership of the National Councils of Nurses of Holland, Finland, Denmark, and Canada.

Presentation of the Presidents of Councils and credentials of delegates.

Election of officers for the next Quinquennial Period.

Amendments to the Constitution and by-laws:

1. To substitute the word “may” for “shall” in regard to the honorary presidency.
2. To substitute “two” for “four” delegates from each country.
3. To change times of meetings from every five to every three years (amendment submitted unanimously).

Resolutions. To be announced later.

Resolutions will be placed upon the order of business as they are received and passed upon.

Selection of next meeting place.

New business.

The programme of the International Council proper is to be distinguished from that of the Congress, which will follow on the three days, the 20th-23rd of July. The Council meeting is official, the Congress general. The programme of the Congress promises to be of unusual interest, and it is hoped that nurses will be present in great numbers. No credentials are required for the Congress, but members of the International Council will be presented with a badge and will have their seats reserved on the day of the business session.

LAVINIA L. DOCK,
 Secretary.

THE NURSING ASSOCIATION OF THE NURSES OF NEW ZEALAND.

Referring editorially to the coming Quinquennial Meeting to be held in London, at which several National Associations of Nurses will be affiliated, *Kai Tiaki*, the Journal of the Nurses of New Zealand, says:—

“The nurses of New Zealand will not wish to be admitted on the same basis as foreign nations, but would wish to be incorporated with the nurses of their mother country as a branch of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

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