

gested for the sick-room helper is as an auxiliary to the School Nurse. It is, I believe, found somewhat difficult to get nurses to undertake school work on the ground of the trivial, monotonous, and medically uninteresting character of most of the cases. It seems as though the necessary drudgery might at any rate be reduced, and the nurse enabled to get through a much larger number of schools if she were accompanied by a sick-room helper, who would help the children to get ready for her by removing boots and stockings, bandages, etc., and helping with all the small washings, dressings, and anointings, of which much of the work seems to consist. A still better plan would be, perhaps, to enlist in this way the voluntary services of a few of the most respectable and intelligent young mothers of children in the school, who might undertake to visit with the nurse on one morning or evening of the week. I do not think that charitable people in the past have realised sufficiently how eagerly and proudly working women respond to any attempt to organise them as helpers in and not merely the beneficiaries of benevolent undertakings. We find that some of our sick-room and others helpers are as well able as any professional woman to realise the humanitarian and social side of their work, and to give it disinterested service.

### Progress of State Registration.

Last week, the General Medical Council held its eighty-ninth Session in London, and the President, Sir Donald MacAlister, referring in his Presidential Address to the Bill for the Registration of Nurses, spoke as follows:—

“By the Bill for the Registration of Nurses, concerning which a communication was received from the Privy Council on November 13th, it was proposed to establish a General Nursing Council for the United Kingdom, of which one member out of sixteen was to be appointed by the General Medical Council. The Nursing Council was to frame rules *inter alia* “regulating, supervising, and restricting within due limits the practice of registered nurses.” It was represented by you to be expedient that the Medical Council should stand in the same relation to the body concerned with nurses as it does to the Central Midwives' Board. At the Privy Council Office note was taken of your views; and I have ground for believing that, should the Bill be proceeded with during the present session, it will be proposed to amend it in the sense you indicated. . . . Should this arrangement be sanctioned by law, the expense falling on the Council would be trifling. . . . I was unable to obtain any assurance that a subsidy from public moneys would be granted to the Council in respect of this public service.”

### The International Congress of Nurses.

#### THE KING HONOURS CANADIAN NURSES.

His Majesty the King has graciously acceded to the desire of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses, to be permitted to lay a wreath on the tomb of the late Queen Victoria at the Mausoleum at Frogmore. This loyal office will be performed by the President of the Association, Miss M. Agnes Snively, Lady Superintendent of the General Hospital, Toronto, on July 24th, when the International Council of Nurses will visit Windsor. The granting of their request by the King has occasioned very sincere gratification to the nurses of Canada, several of whom, in attending the Congress, will visit the mother country for the first time.

#### THE AMERICAN DELEGATION FROM CUBA.

The American Secretary of Sanitation in Cuba, who is, we are informed, a most progressive man, is anxious Miss M. Eugénie Hibbard, of hospital ship *Maine* fame, and at least two nurses, should attend the Congress from Havana. We shall all be delighted if it can be arranged, as we hope it may.

#### THE DELEGATION FROM THE NETHERLANDS.

The following ladies have been selected to represent the Dutch Nurses' Association (Nosokomos) as Delegates on the International Council of Nurses at its Quinquennial Meeting on July 19th:—

Miss C. J. Tilanus, Vice-President, Municipal District Nurse, Amsterdam.

Miss F. Meyboom, Matron of a Municipal Hospital, Rotterdam.

Miss M. Dutry van Haeften, Municipal District Nurse, Utrecht.

Miss J. C. Verbeck, District Nurse, Amsterdam.

Miss J. C. van Lanschot-Hubrecht, Secretary, Amsterdam.

#### THE DELEGATION FROM FINLAND.

The Baroness Mannerheim, the President of the Finnish Nurses' Association, sends the names of the following ladies, who have been appointed as delegates from Finland:—Mrs. Olga Lackström, Miss Sonja Koreneff, Miss Elin Nylander, and Miss Naäma Bergström. Mrs. Lackström is the editor of *Epione*, the official organ of the Association. She was formerly the Matron of the Kirurgiska Sjukhuset (Surgical Hospital), Helsingfors (the post now held by Baroness Mannerheim), which post she resigned on marriage. She was also for many

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