

great esteem in which Dr. Lande is held. We offer him our sincere congratulations.

THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARD OF NURSING EDUCATION.

Before the Presidents and delegates took wings and flew away to the four quarters of the globe, a meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Council of Nurses was held at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W., to discuss the best means of giving practical effect to Mrs. Hampton Robb's proposal to form an International Standing Educational Committee, which shall report to the triennial meeting of the Council.

Mrs. Robb, who attended, suggested that a small committee should be appointed in each affiliated country, preferably by the Societies of Superintendents of Nurse Training Schools, federated with national organisations, as they dealt principally with educational matters. Thus in the United States the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools has an Education Committee; in England and Ireland there are three separate societies of Matrons. That of Great Britain and Ireland, forms part of the National Council, so that no doubt a small practical committee could soon be elected. The subjects of reference were to ascertain in each country (1) the usual age at which probationers are received for training in hospitals; (2) the standard of general education required of candidates; (3) if a preliminary course is given, and, if so, what is included, and over how long a period it extends.

Mrs. Hampton Robb was unanimously elected Chairman, with power to select the Secretary. Mrs. Robb would prefer a secretary in Europe, and the appointment was held over for later decision.

The Registered Nurses' Society.

The Fifteenth Annual Report of the Registered Nurses' Society, presented to the Annual Meeting on July 29th, drew attention to the continued success and prosperity of the Society. The number on the staff remains the same, but to meet the work after the holidays the membership will be substantially increased, and the members are urged to interest medical men and the public in the just principle of private nurses being paid their own earnings, instead of their work being exploited for the upkeep of charitable institutions.

Sisters Barclay, Beardsley, C. Manley, Montserrat, Obee, and Spreadbury were elected members of the Committee of Management.

Progress of State Registration.

THE ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, B.M.A.

At the Annual Representative Meeting of the British Medical Association, the following discussion on Nurses' Registration took place in connection with the Report of the Medico-Political Committee. We quote the official report:—

NURSES' REGISTRATION.

Dr. Buist moved:

"That it be an instruction to the Council to take steps to secure adequate representation of the medical profession, through the British Medical Association, on any Board created under a Registration of Nurses (Scotland) Bill."

He observed that it would be within the knowledge of the meeting that a separate Bill for the Registration of Nurses in Scotland was drafted, and received the approval of the authorities of the Association in Scotland, and, through them, of the Council. In the Bill as drafted for Scotland, there was no provision for representation of the British Medical Association; and his Division was of opinion that representation of the profession through the British Medical Association was essential; and, for that reason, he moved this rider, which was in entire harmony with the provisions in the corresponding Bills drafted for England.

Sir Victor Horsley pointed out that the Council, in approving the principle of separate registration for Scotland, provided there was reciprocity of registration between the various parts of the United Kingdom, had forgotten the previous resolutions of the representative meeting passed at Oxford and in London in which the principle of the one-portal system for nurses' registration was accepted. The separate registration for Scotland did not carry out the one-portal system. So that what had been adopted for England, had not, apparently, been adopted for Scotland. He did not propose to move a resolution because, as he understood from the report of the Committee referring to this matter, the question was still open.

Dr. Muir said that as far as the separate Bill for the Registration of Nurses in Scotland was concerned he did not think that it would be passed, and considered that to have separate Registration Bills would be a huge mistake.

THE CONJOINT COMMITTEE ON THE BILLS.

It was agreed at the meeting of the Conjoint Committee to discuss the three Bills held at the House of Commons last week that the proceedings should be confidential, but as an

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