

guests at her charming house, and after a ramble through the grounds, tea was served. This was followed by an animated debate in the gardens upon the benefit to the profession gained by Nurses joining the N.U.T.N., and also upon the additional strength to the Society of its change in name. The first point proposed by Miss Fry was carried unanimously, but the second point was opposed by Miss Selby, and there was a healthy difference of opinion. The rest of the afternoon was devoted to games and competitions, and before leaving with regret Mrs. Gibbs, the local Branch Secretary, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Miss Henry for her kindness and warm hospitality.

Mr. J. G. Sieveking in a communication to the press writes that the Suffragist in nurses' uniform who presented the petition to the King at Chichester "was one of Queen Alexandra's own nurses, and she was wearing one of the armbands received at the Marlborough House presentation.

"She was standing quietly beside her friend, Miss Hope (who also carried a petition), and when the King passed she stepped up to him, bowed, and said, 'Will you receive this petition, sire?'

"The King smiled, and readily stretched out his hand to take the paper. His intention, however, was thwarted by the Duke of Richmond, who pushed the nurse aside.

"Later, when the detectives seized her and Miss Hope, the King gave instructions that they should be released."

Mr. Sieveking adds: — "I think your readers should be made aware of the kindly courtesy of our King towards his subjects, even though they may have been militants; also of the fact that he very evidently recognized their right, as subjects, to present petitions."

An important discussion took place during the consideration in Parliament of the Highlands and Islands Medical Grant Bill by the Scottish Grand Committee. Sir A. Williamson (Elgin and Nairn) moved an amendment to include nursing in the title of the Bill. This was supported by the Right Hon. R. C. Munro-Ferguson, M.P., and Mr. A. C. Morton, M.P. Eventually this amendment was withdrawn and a second one, proposed also by Sir A. Williamson, accepted by the Secretary for Scotland stating that the grant was for "improving medical service, including nursing, in the Highlands and Islands." Sir A.

Williamson further moved that one of the members of the Board to be set up should be a woman "qualified by special knowledge of the work and organization of district nursing." Mr. McKinnon Wood considered it undesirable to specify restricted qualifications in the Act. In reply to Sir A. Williamson he said that it was certainly the intention of the Government that the woman appointed should be connected with district nursing, but he could not restrict the Government's choice. The Committee adopted the Scottish Secretary's suggestion for including a woman on the Board without specifying her qualifications.

The annual report of the Victorian Order of Nurses is a striking indication of the extent and scope of the nursing organization which supplements the work of the Canadian hospitals. In 1912, nurses of the Order cared for 30,937 patients, and, in the nursing districts, the members made 211,540 visits, of which 7,614 were in answer to night calls. Continuous nursing was reported for 490 days and for 48,391 hospital days. The increase over the previous year was marked, as 11,015 more patients were cared for, 49,167 more visits paid, and 1,691 more night calls responded to than in 1911. Thirteen new branches were opened in the year, extending from North Vancouver to Gaspé.

The nurses at the Cama Hospital Bombay recently struck work on account of an order which it was alleged was given by Miss F. M. Thacker, the Lady Superintendent, to which they objected, this being concerned with attention to bedpans, which is what is known as "methrani's work," which the nurses stated they were required to do. They appealed to the Lady Superintendent to rescind the order to which they took exception, or to suspend it until the matter had been referred to the committee, but this she refused to do, and on July 11th the nurses (there are about 30 in the hospital) did not go on duty at 9 a.m. but remained in their rooms, and the four charge nurses and the theatre sister did their work. At the suggestion of Dr. Mehta the nurses returned to duty at 2 p.m. believing that the order would be cancelled. As, however, Miss King, who had acted as their spokeswoman, was requested to leave within twenty-four hours, they addressed a second letter to the Lady Superintendent. They stated that they had no desire to disobey orders or displease their superiors, but they could not comply with the

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