

as our slogan from to-day until June, 1915, 'Every graduate nurse in California shall be a registered nurse to welcome the International Congress of Nurses to our State in 1915. And we can do it, and we will do it through the force of our Alumnae Associations.'"

We say that would be the greatest compliment that any country or State could pay to the International Congress of Nurses, and we hope the Californian nurses will make successful this great suggestion.

No doubt by 1915, both in Canada and Australasia, State registration will have made great progress—so that the nurses in the United Kingdom may find themselves at San Francisco the poor Peri without the Pale, where English speaking nurses are concerned! Surely such a possibility will do something to inspire them with sufficient courage and self-respect to come out, and protest against such an invidious contingency, in spite of the opposition of those who oppose reform.

### SCOTTISH MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Scottish Matrons' Association was held at the Eastern District Hospital, Glasgow, on Saturday, November 1st.

There was a good attendance of members. Miss Gill (President) took the chair.

Letters of regret at inability to be present were intimated from many of the members.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The resignation of Miss E. K. Philp was received with great regret.

Miss Glendinning, delegate of the Association to the Conference of the National Union of Women Workers, held at Hull, read an interesting paper on the proceedings of the Conference.

Statistics of payment of nurses in Scotland in the various branches of the profession having been collected by the members, who had kindly undertaken to do so, a paper was read embracing these statistics, and a discussion followed, in which many of those present took part.

An explanation of the Amendments (1913) to the National Insurance Act, as they affect nurses, was given by the President.

A vote of thanks to Miss Merchant, the Matron, for her kind hospitality, concluded the meeting.

A delightful tea was then served, and afterwards the members paid a visit to the various departments of the hospital.

### LEAGUE NEWS.

A well attended general meeting of the League of St. John's House Nurses was held at 12, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, on Thursday, October 30th. The President was in the chair, and the new Hon. Secretary, Miss Seignior, read the minutes and presented the business.

Amongst the correspondence was a letter from Miss Reeve, Hon. Secretary of the Nursing Exhibition at the recent Dublin Nursing Conference, thanking the League for the beautiful maternity exhibit sent to the Exhibition, and congratulating it on winning the second prize.

Four new members were elected.

The evils of drug taking were discussed, and the cases cited of the ease with which those addicted to the habit were able to obtain the drugs injurious to them in large quantities. How nurses could help to combat the evil was considered, and action taken.

After the business had been disposed of, the meeting resolved itself into a social gathering, and tea was as usual a most pleasant and informal function. Amongst former nurses on the staff whose presence gave the members special pleasure were Nurse Giblin and Nurse Slade.

Miss Helen L. Pearse has been invited to address the Leicester Infirmary Nurses League on the subject of "School Nursing" at its meeting on November 13th. There is no one better qualified to speak on this subject, and as School Nursing is one of the newer branches of nursing, and merits the consideration of nurses who are deciding upon the work they shall take up after gaining their certificate, the Leicester League has made a happy selection in deciding that this subject shall be presented for the consideration of its members. The meeting is sure to be an interesting one.

At the Annual Meeting of the Central London Sick Asylum Nurses' League (Hendon Branch), held at the Infirmary, Hendon, Miss Beatrice Kent gave a delightful address on "Higher Thought among Nurses," in which she sketched the modern history of nursing, and showed the phenomenal growth of the work of trained nurses, laying special stress upon the side of social service. We hope to quote from this address in our next issue for the pleasure of those who were not present to hear it.

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