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NURSING IN 1913.

Once more, according to our custom, we review the chief events of nursing interest in 1913, and the present outlook.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The National Council of Trained Nurses has continued its work for the benefit of the profession at large, and, when necessary, taken steps to safeguard its professional and economic interests. It has further consolidated its own organization, and for the first time held a most successful Conference, in Dublin, of several days' duration.

An invitation from the General Hospital Birmingham Nurses' League, has been accepted, to hold the next Conference in the great Midland capital of Birmingham in June.

At the Annual Meeting held in London in November a very satisfactory Report was presented, and the Treasurer presented a balance sheet showing a substantial balance in hand at the close of the financial year. The Council discussed the best method of supporting the Nurses' International Memorial to Miss Florence Nightingale, and the suggested arrangements for the next meeting of the International Council of Nurses in San Francisco, with a view to co-operating with the International Officers and Committee of Arrangements.

The following important questions were also considered:—The Draft Poor Law Institution Nursing Order, the Registration of Nursing Homes under the London County Council, the Nursing of the Insured Sick, and the Status of the Trained Nurse in the British Red Cross Society.

The Council has had the pleasure this year of receiving an intimation from the Royal Free Hospital Nurses' League of its desire to enter into affiliation with it, and the League will no doubt be welcomed into membership at its next meeting.

The Council, which called public attention to the national importance of "Morality in

Relation to Health" in 1909, has sent a resolution to the Prime Minister, and to the Chairman of the Royal Commission on Venereal Diseases, expressing its great gratification at the appointment by the Government of a Royal Commission to inquire into the prevalence of venereal diseases in the United Kingdom.

Steps are also being taken to give effect to the suggestion made by Sir Victor Horsley at the Annual Meeting of the State Registration Society that the Leagues of Nurses should be invited to co-operate in obtaining names of certificated nurses in support of the Nurses' Registration Bill.

The National Council of Nurses has kept in close touch with the officers of the International Council of Nurses during the year, and the President recently had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. Helen Parker Criswell, Chairman of the Californian Committee of Arrangements, and of discussing with her the suggestions for the 1915 Congress in San Francisco, to be brought before the National Boards in New York early in the New Year.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The Matrons' Council has pursued its recent policy of holding some meetings in the provinces, and the summer meeting held in Bournemouth was much enjoyed.

The Council was represented on the Deputation to the Premier, asking for facilities for the Nurses' Registration Bill, organized by the Central Committee for State Registration of Trained Nurses, and many of its members took part in the Nursing Conference at Dublin.

THE LEAGUES OF CERTIFICATED NURSES.

In the Leagues of Certificated Nurses *esprit de corps* is growing up, not only between the certificated nurses of one school, but between those of many schools, which is one of the healthiest signs of the present day. The profession of nursing can only be built up from within, and the fact that the Leagues are consolidating their membership and learning to work together for the common good gives ground for much hopefulness for the future.

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