

be held in 1918, and that a most kind invitation had been received from the Danish National Council, through its President, Mrs. Henny Tscherning, to hold the next meeting at Copenhagen. The delegates were instructed to vote for this arrangement.

Miss Violetta Thurstan, who was present, reminded the Council of the delightful welcome extended to the British nurses on their journey home from Brussels last September by the President and members of the Danish National Council of Nurses, she herself had received the utmost courtesy and kindness whilst awaiting permission to proceed to Russia.

The President said nothing could be more delightful than to hold the meeting in Copenhagen, where she had also had experience of the charming hospitality of the Danes.

It was reported that the Annual Convention of the American Nurses' Association would be held at San Francisco from June 20th to 27th. The Nurses' Train would leave New York on June 9th, and after a splendid sightseeing trip, arrive at San Francisco on June 20th, and that it would start on the return trip on June 27th, and be again in New York on July 5th. It was a unique opportunity for nurses to see the wonders of American scenery at an unusually moderate rate.

Nurses desiring to avail themselves of this opportunity could receive information from the Hon. Secretary, N.C.N., 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

#### NURSING IN MILITARY AUXILIARY HOSPITALS.

The President then read the correspondence which had taken place between herself and the Acting Director-General, Army Medical Service, on the question of Nursing in Military Auxiliary Hospitals, and made an explanatory statement. A very interesting discussion ensued, and it was agreed that a further expression of opinion on the part of the Council should be sent to the Director-General.

The meeting then terminated.

#### IN MEMORY.

Miss Janet Stewart has sent £2 2s. to the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, "in memory of my dear sister Isla." It is now five years ago since the nursing profession in this country lost its most courageous and truest friend, and the loss is accentuated every day.

In support of State Registration the President of the Society has received £1 1s. from Miss S. A. Villiers, £1 from Miss E. Pell Smith, 5s. from Miss E. L. C. Eden, 5s. from Miss B. Kent, and 1s. from Miss E. M. Ambrose. We hope friends of the cause will continue to interest Members of Parliament in the Nurses' Registration Bill, in spite of the War.

#### NURSING AND THE WAR.

The pile of letters on our editorial desk from Matrons and nurses who evidently feel very strongly on certain departures from organised precedent in connection with their profession owing to the war, is assuming serious dimensions, and as we are of opinion that one of the most useful functions of a professional journal (such as THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, which is free from commercial pressure) is to present the views of its readers, and express an opinion thereon, even if such views are unpopular, we propose at an early date to publish a series of articles on the various phases of Military Nursing, especially in its relation to the ethical and economic standards of the nursing profession.

The following letter has been issued by the Joint War Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, and has been addressed by the Secretary of the Committee to the Secretaries of hospitals:—

"DEAR SIR,—The Society has been informed that when our new armies are in the field the arrangements for dealing with the sick and wounded will have to be largely extended.

"It is probable that members of Voluntary Aid Detachments will be called upon to do some of the rougher work under trained nurses. In view of this fact we are very anxious that our members should at once have the opportunity of becoming more efficient.

"This can only be done by their being afforded opportunities to get practical experience in the routine work of hospitals. I am therefore instructed to ask whether your Committee would very kindly consider the possibility of allowing carefully-selected members of Women's Voluntary Aid Detachments to be admitted to the Wards, Kitchens, Laundries, and even the Store Room and Linen Room of their Hospital. The Society would choose the members according to any arrangement your Committee liked to make and would, of course, impress on them the necessity for complying with any rules and regulations laid down for them.

"An appointment can be made for a Matron of long experience to talk over the question with your Matron, if you wish. Any arrangements could thus be made to fit in as much as possible with the usual work of your staff.

"I am happy to say that several of the large hospitals, both in London and in the Provinces, are already affording our members these facilities, and if your hospital is not already doing so, I shall be most grateful if you would kindly give the matter your favourable consideration. It would greatly assist the preparations being made if I could be accorded the favour of an early reply."

In this connection we deeply regret to learn that one of the most able and respected Matrons of a Metropolitan Poor Law Infirmary has resigned as

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