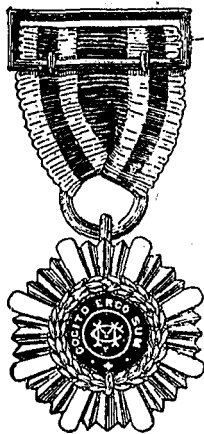


THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.



A meeting of the Matrons' Council will be held by the kind permission of the Board of Guardians and Miss Ballantyne (the Matron) at the Fulham Military Hospital, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, W., on Friday, November 17th, at 4 p.m. If any of the members attending the meeting wish to see the wards in the Military Hospital, the Matron will be very pleased to take them round between 3.0 and 3.45 p.m., before the Business Meeting, which will be held in the Board Room. Tea will be at 5.0 p.m.; and after tea a visit will be paid to the Y.M.C.A. Hut for Soldiers in the grounds of the hospital, where a concert will take place.

SCOTTISH MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Scottish Matrons' Association was held on Saturday, October 28th, in the General Hospital, Mill Lane, Leith (by kind invitation of the Directors and Matron), Miss Gill (President) in the chair. Thirty-six members were present.

After the usual preliminary business, the Chairman addressed the meeting and summarised the work that had been done up to date in connection with the College of Nursing and the establishment of the Scottish Board. She urged the usefulness of local centres for members of the College, where meetings could be held and interest stimulated.

A useful discussion followed and questions from members were numerous.

The "Edith Cavell Memorial Annuity Fund" administered by the Scottish Matrons' Association was next considered, and small annuities were granted to four retired nurses who are to be resident in the King Edward Memorial Home (Scot.). This leaves one annuity still available.

The Edith Cavell Memorial Fund was closed, and the meeting agreed to bear in mind the great need existing for an annuity fund for Scottish Nurses, and that any sums which might be gifted in the future would be used as a nucleus for such a fund.

One new member was elected to the Association. Votes of thanks to the President, to the Directors of the Hospital, and to Miss Maclean (Matron) concluded the business.

A visit was paid to the hospital, and thereafter the members were entertained to tea by Miss Maclean.

SCOTTISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Scottish Nurses' Association was held at 100, West Regent Street, Glasgow, on Thursday, November 2nd, and was largely attended. Mrs. Strong, the President, occupied the chair, and in her opening remarks regretted to inform the meeting that Miss Thurstan had been called up on active service by the Joint War Committee, and was therefore unable to be present to deliver her lecture. She expressed a deep debt of gratitude to Miss Rimmer, who had come from London at the last instant to fill the vacancy, bringing with her many slides, which would be, she felt sure, greatly appreciated by the members present.

The Secretary, Miss M. Russell-Smith, submitted the annual report and financial statement. The membership had increased by the entry of 157 new members. It was hoped, however, that this number would be doubled during the ensuing year. Examination of the finance proved the Association to be on a sound basis. The report having been adopted, officials were appointed.

FEDERATION WITH SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS.

Dr. McGregor Robertson moved the following resolution:—

"That the Association empower the Executive to arrange federation with other similar nurses' organizations, and to appoint representatives to such other organizations, provided always that the constitution and bye-laws of the Association were not thereby impaired."

United the nurses of England, Scotland and Ireland could get what they wanted; separate, they could not expect to attain their ideal of raising the standard of nurses' training and practice.

Dr. J. Macewen seconded the motion.

Mrs. Strong, in supporting the resolution, quoted a saying of Florence Nightingale: "I leave no school behind me. My doctrines have taken no hold among women." She pointed out that although the hour had not arrived for legislation in Miss Nightingale's day, it had now, and it was the duty of nurses to fight for it and seek to make their profession worthy of its name.

THE NURSES' REGISTRATION BILL.

Dr. McGregor Robertson delivered an address on "The Present Position of the Nurses' Registration Bill and the Attitude of the College of Nursing, Ltd." "The Nurses' Registration Bill," he said, "had been consistently opposed by organizations which did not wish to see the profession properly recognised. The nurses wished a General Nursing Council for the direction of the training and registration of the nurses of the three kingdoms, and that Council under the Nurses' Registration Bill would be represented by the State, the medical profession, nurses' training schools, and the nurses themselves."

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