

### THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

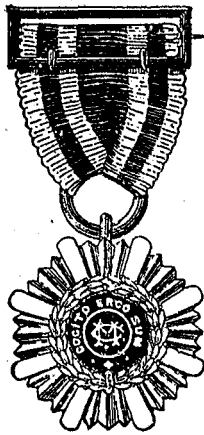
A meeting of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses was held, by the kind permission of the British Medical Association, in the Council Chamber at 429, Strand, W.C., on July 7th.

Upon the initiative of the Hon. Arthur Stanley, Chairman of the Council of the College of Nursing, a resolution was adopted consenting to accept an invitation to reopen negotiations on a Nurses' Registration Bill, as the College was prepared to abandon the proposal for a nominated Provisional Council.

A Resolution in support of the fundamental Resolution constituting the Central Committee "for the purpose of securing united action in regard to State Registration until a satisfactory law has been passed" was adopted by a large majority.

Other business was referred to the Executive Committee.

### THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.



By the kind invitation of H.H. the Maharajah Jam Sahib of Nawanagar (Prince Ranji) and of the Matron, Mrs. Barton, the quarterly meeting of the Matrons' Council was held at the Prince of Wales' Hospital for Officers, Jamnagar House, Staines. It will be remembered that the Maharajah, early in the war, placed his house at Staines at the disposal of the King as a hospital for British officers, fully equipping it for this purpose, and that,

with the Maharajahs of Kashmir and Patiala, His Highness is financing it for the period of the war.

A number of members met at Waterloo Station and travelled down with the Hon. Officers to Staines, where a motor from the hospital met them. There they were received by Mrs. Barton, who was wearing the uniform of her rank as a Trained Lady Superintendent, St. John's Territorial Force Nursing Association—a dress of black mercerized poplin, with military cape with a red border bearing the letters T.N., and an Army cap of spotted muslin.

As there was time to spare before the meeting, the wards were visited by most of the members. Thirty-eight patients, or more if necessary, can be received. The wards bear such honoured names as Kitchener and Haig, and are most comfortably arranged, with beautiful views from the balconies. In one ward the most up-to-date appliances for electrical treatment are provided, including a light bath, which, in many instances, is found to be very beneficial before massage. Incidentally, we may mention that the overall worn by the masseuses is charming. Soft white drill is the material used, and it is made with three box pleats, a flat collar, elbow sleeves, and pockets, all outlined in black, and worn with a loose black belt of patent leather.

#### THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The business meeting, held in the Mess Room, was called to order by the President, Miss M. Heather-Bigg, R.R.C., at 4 p.m. A large number of letters of regret at inability to attend were read by the Hon. Secretary, Miss A. E. Hulme, including one from Miss J. C. Child, who wrote from the 1st South African Hospital, B.E.F., France, expressing her opinion and desire that there should be direct representation of trained nurses on the First Governing Body under any Nurses' Registration Act.

The Hon. Secretary also reported that the Executive Committee of the National Union of Women Workers had acceded to the request of the Matrons' Council for increased representation on the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, and that the President (Miss M. Heather-Bigg, R.R.C.), the Hon. Treasurer (Miss S. Villiers), and Miss Helen Pearse had consented to act as the representatives of the Council for the ensuing year.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

The following applications were received, and the applicants admitted to membership:—  
'Miss E. E. Owen, cert. Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, Matron Children's Infirmary, Cleveland Street, W.

Miss J. G. Powell, cert. Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, Matron Auxiliary Hospital for Officers, Dryfholm, Lockerbie, N.B.

Miss Frances Midgley, cert. Royal Infirmary, Halifax, Matron, Borough Sanatorium, South-end-on-Sea.

Miss M. Ellis Rowell, cert. Guy's Hospital, Matron of Nursing Home, and Superintendent of Nurses' Co-operation, Beaumont Street, W. (South African and Guy's Medals).

At the request of the President, Miss M. Breay read the Petition to the Prime Minister

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