

### ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the Nurses' Consultative Committee, formed of delegates appointed by the organized Nurses' Societies which are affiliated to the Royal British Nurses' Association, was held at 9, Upper Wimpole Street, W., on Monday afternoon.

Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, the President, attended, and welcomed the delegates in the most gracious manner, and upon taking the chair, made a short address, in which she expressed her great pleasure that the Nurses' Societies represented would now work in co-operation with one another under the Royal Charter of the Association for the good of the Nursing Profession, and emphasised the importance of this consolidation.

An hour's informal conference followed, and several suggestions were made calculated to extend the work of the R.B.N.A. for the benefit of the nursing profession as a whole—by which the nurses themselves will be encouraged to take an active part in organizing and in managing their own affairs, supported by the authority of the Royal Charter.

All who attended the meeting realised the importance of maintaining freedom of speech and action in the development of the nursing profession on a high ethical plane, and of encouraging a sense of personal responsibility in its relations to the community.

Mr. Paterson was elected Chairman of the Committee, and it was agreed that it should meet monthly, so as to keep in close touch with current events in relation to social and political developments in the nursing world.

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

A Meeting of the Central Committee will be held, by the kind permission of the British Medical Association, in the Council Chamber, 429, Strand, W.C., on Saturday, July 6th, at 2.30 p.m. Delegates are asked to keep this date free if possible. A Statement up to date, on the lines of that issued in 1916, and certain additional Clauses to the Nurses' Registration Bill, will be considered.

### SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Agenda of the Annual Meeting, to be held on June 20th, at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W., will be found on page ii of the cover. We have great pleasure in announcing that Miss Carrie M. Hall,

Superintendent of Nurses, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, U.S.A., will address the Meeting on "State Registration of Nurses in the United States of America."

The two Resolutions on the Agenda embody vital principles of the utmost importance in any scheme of State Registration of Trained Nurses.

### THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

#### THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

The third ordinary general meeting of the College of Nursing, Ltd., was held at the Rooms of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, London, W., on Thursday, June 6th, at 3 p.m., the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman of the Company, presided.

The report and balance sheet, which had been circulated, were taken as read. In presenting them the Chairman said that he had been accused by those who did not approve of the College of being a layman. He had been, one for forty-eight years, and he was afraid it was too late to change. As a layman his duty was mainly concerned in establishing and building up the College on its business side. They would forgive him, therefore, if he did not enter into the question of standards and curricula. This burning question was thus disposed of.

When the financial year closed on March 31st, 1918, the number of members who had paid the fee was 7,962. At the present time it was 8,922. The total number of applicants had been 11,741. Of these some had not been eligible, some had not taken up their election for various reasons—the best being marriage—and there had been some deaths.

Before long he hoped they would be presenting a Nurses' Registration Bill to Parliament, and the greater the number of nurses who supported it the more certain it was to go through.

In regard to funds, the total accumulated Fund was £8,692.

In connection with the Nation's Fund for Nurses, the Chairman eulogized the action of the British Women's Hospital Committee in raising this War Charity, and attacked and condemned those educated members of the nursing profession who object to being held up as objects of charity, and to interference with their economic conditions and professional standards by persons who have no right to meddle with them.

In regard to amalgamation with the Royal British Nurses' Association, at the meeting last year this had seemed very hopeful, but other counsels had prevailed. He need not enter into the reasons why negotiations were broken off, but they might be described by a word which we had learnt since the war—camouflage. A good many members of the College, when he had first wished to enter into negotiations with the R.B.N.A., were doubtful about the wisdom of this step. For himself he was keen, but subsequent experience

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