

midwife, employ a solicitor, and every midwife should be provided with legal assistance when defending herself before it.

Mrs. Fenwick proposed that an Emergency Resolution should be drafted by the Hon. Officers of the Matrons' Council, thanking Mr. Hayes Fisher for defining a liberal and just policy for midwives on these two points.

This was seconded by Miss M. Winmill.

Miss Marsters proposed the following addition:—"That the Matrons' Council approves of Clause 12 as it stands, which provides that the inspection of midwives should be the duty of County Councils, without power of delegation to District Councils."

It was unanimously agreed to incorporate this amendment with the original resolution.

#### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

Miss Helen Pearse gave an interesting report of the Conference of the National Council of Women held recently in Harrogate.

The meeting then terminated.

By the courtesy and kindness of Miss Heather-Bigg the guests were most hospitably entertained to tea, including the following American military "Chief Nurses" now on duty in London—Miss Leonard, Miss Shillaburger, Miss Minnette Hay, and Miss Porter. "Over the cups" tongues were loosed, and a very enjoyable afternoon, both of business and pleasure, was passed. But there—Miss Heather-Bigg was hostess! Some of the guests gladly availed themselves of the kind permission to visit the wards, which were greatly admired.

ANNIE E. HULME, *Hon. Secretary.*

#### ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The Programme of the Conference to be held on Thursday, November 7th, at the rooms of the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, and at which Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, the President, will preside, can be obtained from the Secretary R.B.N.A., 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, W. It will be found on page ii of our cover this week.

The Conference will be opened at 3 p.m. First Session. Subjects for Discussion: "The Economic Position of the Trained Nurse" and "Some Phases of Modern Nursing."

Tea will be served, and the Second Session open at 5.30 p.m., when various speakers will compare the two Bills for the State Registration of Nurses drafted by the Central Committee and the College of Nursing, Ltd.

Free discussion and questions are invited.

#### AN IMPUDENT GAMBLE.

We publish below a "Prize Drawing" Scheme in conjunction with the Dublin Stock Exchange, purporting to be in aid of "The Nation's Tribute to Nurses." A greater insult has never been offered to the dignity of the Nursing Profession, and we hope Lady Cowdray and her supporters are now satisfied that the indignant protest of the independent members of the Nursing Profession in objecting to widely-advertised charity upon their behalf has ample justification.

#### PRIZE DRAWING.

218 MONEY PRIZES.

1,000 TICKETS.

The above Drawing in conjunction with the Dublin Stock Exchange, is in aid of

*The Nation's Tribute to Nurses.*

(For all Irish Certificated Nurses.)

The price of the first Ticket drawn will be one penny, the second twopence, the third threepence, and so on, until the maximum is reached for the last Ticket, No. 1,000, £4 3s. 4d.

The Tickets then participate in a further Draw for the undermentioned Prizes—

1st Prize	.. ..	£250	0	0
2nd Prize	.. ..	£100	0	0
3rd Prize	.. ..	£50	0	0
5 Prizes of	.. ..	£20	each.	
10 Prizes of	.. ..	£10	each.	
50 Prizes of	.. ..	£5	each.	
150 Prizes of	.. ..	£1	each.	

Applications for Tickets to be made through Members of the Stock Exchange only, and these applications must be received not later than Friday, October 18th.

The Final Drawing will take place on Thursday, October 31st, and winning numbers published in *Irish Times* on Saturday, November 2nd.

The above scheme appears to us a peculiarly barefaced gamble for personal profit, and hardly the type of Tribute the Nation's Nurses will appreciate, as the Scheme exploits their splendid national work with cruel disregard of their professional self-respect. Stripped of camouflage, it is a simple method of obtaining about £2,000, one thousand of which is to be gambled for by the public. Presumably what is left over when the prizes have been pocketed is to be added to the Nation's Fund as an expression of its appreciation and admiration of the certificated Nurses' services! It is an abominable insult, and we call upon the London County Council, which has registered this "War Charity," to make searching enquiries into the conduct of the business of "The Nation's Fund for Nurses" and to stop these gambling scandals in connection with it.

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that London is plastered with "illegal" posters referring to this Fund.

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