

THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Friday, April 16th. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, was in the chair.

Amongst the correspondence replies to enquiries *re* "Nurse Juliet" were read from the Secretary to the War Office, Miss Beadsmore Smith, Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S., and from Dame Sarah Swift, Matron-in-Chief, Joint War Committee, British Red Cross Committee, and the Order of St. John. The Hon. Secretary reported that she had not so far succeeded in locating this elusive personality referred to in the *Daily Telegraph* appeal for "Our Nurses."

CONGRATULATIONS FROM NEW ZEALAND.

The following letter from Miss H. Maclean, Matron-in-Chief, Department of Public Health, Hospitals, and Charitable Aid, New Zealand, addressed to the President, was received with much pleasure:—

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,—I must write and heartily congratulate you on the news I have only just learnt from THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, of December 27th. It is strange such great news as the passing of three Acts for the Registration of Nurses in the United Kingdom was not cabled. If it were I must have missed it.

It is a great reward for your long, determined fight, and I am sure that victory is really due to the Society for the State Registration of Nurses, and to you who for so many years have upheld the fight.

I shall eagerly look forward to seeing the regulations for training, examination, and registration, that will be formed by the responsible councils, for which I am glad to see a large number of nurses are to be selected. Conditions will, of course, be necessarily much more complicated than in this little country, where the State Registrar of Nurses has practically undisputed control and where his three nurse assistants with their knowledge of nursing, training schools, and nurses' requirements, have the responsibility of the two Registers of Nurses and Midwives.

The Act having been passed here twenty years ago, when trained nursing was in its infancy, nurses have grown up familiar with its conditions and appear to have no desire to alter any of them. I hope that the standard set for the home nurses may aid us in some of our difficulties, by imposing regulations that in order to be eligible for reciprocal registration we may at least maintain as near an approach as is possible, in a new country. At all events, let the Nurses' Act of the home country lead and point the standard to the Dominions rather than as in the Midwives' Act, be far below that set by these younger branches of the kingdom.

I am, yours truly,
H. MACLEAN, *Matron-in-Chief.*

ANNUAL MEETING.

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting should be held on Friday, May 28th, and that the future constitution and work of the Society should be discussed; the one object, to obtain our Act of Parliament for the State Registration of Nurses, having been attained.

New members were elected.

MARGARET BREAY, *Hon. Sec.*

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.

The appointment of the members of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, established by the Nurses Registration (Scotland) Act, 1919, has now been completed. The following is a list of the members of the Council:—

APPOINTED BY THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Captain CHARLES B. BALFOUR, C.B., Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Berwick.

APPOINTED BY THE SCOTTISH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

Miss NORAH MILNES, B.Sc., Director of the School of Social Study and Training, Edinburgh University.

APPOINTED BY THE SCOTTISH BOARD OF HEALTH.

Dr. A. K. CHALMERS, Medical Officer of Health, Glasgow.

Dr. KATHERINE CLARK, Assistant Medical Officer to the Edinburgh Education Authority.

Dr. H. E. FRASER, Medical Superintendent, Royal Infirmary, Dundee.

Colonel D. J. MACKINTOSH, C.B., M.V.O., Superintendent, Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

Miss MARGARET BELL, Queen's Nurse, Musselburgh.

Miss KATHLEEN L. BURLEIGH, Matron, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh.

Miss ANNIE WARREN GILL, R.R.C., Lady Superintendent of Nurses, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

Miss MARY HUNTER, Public Health Department, Glasgow.

Miss ELIZABETH T. JONES, School Nurse, Edinburgh Education Authority.

Miss JANET MELROSE, R.R.C., Matron, Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

Miss FLORENCE A. MERCHANT, Matron, Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow.

Mr. T. PRENTICE, Mental Hospital, Hartwood, Lanarkshire.

Miss MARGARET R. STEWART, Secretary and Treasurer, Scottish Nurses' Club.

Arrangements will be made by the Scottish Board of Health for convening the first meeting of the Council at an early date.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Matrons' Council will be held by the kind invitation of the Committee and Matron, at the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, N.E., on Friday, April 30th, at 3 p.m.

The guests will visit the wards before the business meeting.

Motor buses No. 6 and No. 54 pass the Hospital doors. A quick way is to take the Tube to Liverpool Street then on by bus.

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