

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

At the meeting of the above Committee, held by kind permission of the British Medical Association, in the Council Chamber, 429, Strand, on Saturday last, the Hon. Secretaries, Dr. E. W. Goodall and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick had the gratification of reporting that the object for which the Central Committee had been primarily formed had been attained, and that the General Nursing Councils as provided for under the schedules of the three Nurses' Registration Acts had been appointed.

Many members of the constituent societies which had helped to draft the Nurses' Registration Bills introduced into Parliament last Session (the basic principles of which had been incorporated in the Government Acts) had been appointed to serve on the various General Nursing Councils, amongst them the Hon. Nurse Secretary, the Hon. Medical Secretary, and Sir T. Jenner Verrall, member of the General Medical Council and of the British Medical Association, who had on many occasions so ably conducted the meetings of the Central Committee.

A resolution was adopted agreeing to send the hearty congratulations of the Committee to the members of each constituent Society who had accepted office on the Nursing Councils constituted under the Acts, to thank them for their consistent and loyal services to the State Registration movement, and to wish them success in their future labours for the benefit of the nursing profession and the community.

A warm vote of thanks was also accorded to the British Medical Association for its help and support in furthering the organisation of the Nursing Profession by State Authority; support which had been invaluable in inspiring Parliament with confidence in the passing of the Nurses' Registration Acts.

## THE NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Annual Council Meeting of the National Union of Trained Nurses is to be held on Saturday, May 1st, at 46, Marsham Street, S.W.; and at five o'clock there will be a reception to which members and their friends are cordially invited, tickets for tea being obtainable at 8d. each.

These Reunions are always most pleasant and friendly affairs, and this year the members will have special cause for rejoicing that the Acts for the State Registration of Nurses, which the Union has co-operated with the Central Committee to secure, are now on the Statute Book, and that two of the members of their Executive, Miss S. A. Villiers and Miss A. Dowbiggin, have been appointed by the Minister of Health on the First General Nursing Council.

## ARMY NURSES' PAY INCREASED.

It is officially announced that revised rates of pay have been approved for temporary nurses (Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve, T.F.N.S., V.A.D. Nursing Members, and Special Military Probationers) continuing or commencing to serve after April 30th 1920. V.A.D. nursing members or special military probationers will receive £30 a year, rising by half-yearly increments of £2 10s. to £40 Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.) or T.F.N.S. staff nurses will receive £63, rising by annual increments of £2 10s. to £68 a year; Sisters £77 10s., rising by annual increments of £5 to £92 10s.; Assistant Matrons initial and maximum rate, £120 10s.; Matrons, £120 10s. rising by annual increments of £10 to £195 10s. These rates include the extra remuneration (Army of Occupation bonus) granted on August 26th, 1919. Nurses receiving the revised rates must sign a contract to serve for either one or two years, if so long required. Nurses already drawing the additional pay of £20 a year granted in 1916 to nurses who undertook to serve for so long as required, will continue to draw it.

## NURSES MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

### SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEETING.

The sixteenth Annual Conference and Meeting of the Nurses' Missionary League will be held at University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C., on May 5th.

### PROGRAMME.

"The Building of the Kingdom of God on Earth."

Morning Session, 10.15—12.30.

Chairman: Mrs. Douglas Thornton.

Missionary Litany for Doctors and Nurses.

Demonstration Study Circle: led by Miss D. Harrower.

"The Building of the Kingdom": (1) In China. Miss E. V. Hope (Guy's and Hinghwa); (2) In India. Mrs. Starr (Norfolk and Norwich, and Peshawar).

### INTERVAL.

"The Qualities Required in the Builders." Mrs. Thornton.

### INTERCESSION.

Afternoon Conversazione, 2.30—5.

Hostesses: Mrs. Bardsley, Miss Zoe Fairfield, Mrs. Sturge, Miss Watney, M.B.E. (St. Bart's and Uganda), Mrs. Weir, R.R.C. (St. Bart's and Korea).

Addresses: "A Matron's Work in China. Miss E. J. Haward (Guy's and Peking).

"Opportunities for Nurses in Uganda." Ernest N. Cooke, Esq., M.B., B.S., London (Mengo Hospital).

Instrumental Music, Songs: Miss. P. Yelverton Dawson.

The afternoon affords special opportunities for getting to know members from other hospitals and Committee members.

Evening Session, 7.30—9.30.

Chairman: Col. H. Gordon Mackenzie, M.D., D.S.O.

OPENING HYMN AND PRAYER.

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