

A PIONEER REGISTRARIONIST.

It was a great pleasure to have Miss Mollett again present at a Registration meeting, and her colleagues were delighted to find she was recovering from her serious accidents which had caused lameness for so long. It was announced that Miss Mollett was going to Chili, as the guest of her sister Lina, and all present wished her *bon voyage*.

EX-ARMY NURSES AND THE UNITED SERVICE FUND.

A meeting, at which the Dowager Countess Airlie presided, was held at St. Thomas' Hospital on June 1st, of ex-Army nurses, representing Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, and the Territorial Force Nursing Service, for the purpose of electing a representative of the Nursing Profession to sit upon the Committee which is to administer the United Services Fund. The Fund is derived from the profits of the naval and military canteens. The chairman stated that when the money was distributed it would be necessary to appoint a Committee of Nurses to deal with it. Dame Ethel Becher was elected as the representative on the Committee.

ARMY NURSES' BONUS.

The Army Council has decided that pending the issue of general instructions regarding the cessation of Army of Occupation bonus, and the settlement of the new rates of pay at present under consideration, Army of Occupation bonus will be issued to members of Q.A.I.M.N.S. (regulars). This bonus will not, however, be issuable for periods after April 30th, 1920, to temporary nurses (Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve; T.F.N.S., V.A.D. Nursing members, and Special Military probationers) unless they are in hospital or on sick leave, and are not in a position to sign the form of agreement to serve at home or abroad for a period not exceeding either one or two years. (A.F.W. 5133.)

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Viscountess Rhondda, Chairman of the Ministry of Health Women's Consultative Council, will formally open the Club at 46, Marsham Street, Westminster, S.W.1 (which will be open to members on June 12th), at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15th.

A Strawberry Tea will be provided at 4.30.

Members are cordially invited to attend, and are asked to notify the Hon. Secretary, by card, of their ability to do so.

Members, please note: Lectures will be given at the Club on the third Friday in each month, at 7 p.m.:

June 18th.—"Modern Nursing of Fevers," by Miss Stewart, A.R.R.C., Home Sister, South Western Hospital.

MEETING AT LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL.

Mr. Herbert Paterson, F.R.C.S., Surgeon to the London Temperance Hospital, presided at a meeting held in the Board Room of the Institution on the evening of June 5th, when Miss Isabel Macdonald, Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and Miss Sherriff-Macgregor, Organising Secretary of the College of Nursing, Ltd., spoke on the aims of these bodies.

Miss Sherriff-Macgregor began by stating that, as all nurses knew, when war broke out there was little organisation among nurses, and little organisation of organisations. The College of Nursing, Ltd., was formed to organise nurses, and aimed at keeping up the standard of training and of helping the work of all nurses.

It desired that every nurse should express her views, and stood for the high ideals of nurses, and wished to protect them from being exploited. Nursing could, she said, never be a trade any more than the medical profession.

Miss Macdonald prefaced her remarks by saying she could not agree with the previous speaker, as to there being no organisation amongst nurses previous to the war. She described the organisation of the Royal British Nurses' Association, founded in 1887, the only body of nurses incorporated by Royal Charter, and possessing the status and prestige which no other organisation of nurses in the United Kingdom possessed, or was ever likely to possess. She mentioned in detail the various activities carried on by the Association under the Royal Charter, and that a number of influential and self-governing societies were affiliated to it.

She spoke also of the work of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, in which, with the British Medical Association, were grouped together all the societies of nurses working for State Registration, which had been working for the organisation of the nursing profession through State Registration, some of them for many years.

In conclusion, speaking of finance, she said the members kept up their own Association. They did not want flag days and similar forms of money-making. Those who wanted that kind of finance knew where to get it. The members of the R.B.N.A. believed in sturdy independence and self-respect. (Applause.)

QUESTIONS ADDRESSED TO MISS SHERRIFF-MACGREGOR.

Questions were then invited, most of which were directed to Miss Sherriff-Macgregor.

Question (Miss Sadlier): Would the guinea paid by the College members put them on the State Register? *Answer*: The College Council were waiting to find out what the General Nursing Council was going to decide. A second question elicited the reply that the College would pay the guineas.

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