

keen interest evidently felt by those present in the future evolution of nursing.

A DANGER TO PROFESSIONAL STATUS AND ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE.

The gist of the following emergency Resolution was passed unanimously, and a rider added that it should be sent to the Secretary of State for War, the First Lord of the Admiralty, the Minister of Health, and the press:—

The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, in Annual Meeting assembled, desires to place on record the very strongest protest against the action of the "Daily Telegraph" in opening a "Shilling Fund" "For our Nurses," and appealing to "every soldier, every sailor, every one who served his country in an auxiliary force, as in the women's uniformed services," thus depreciating the professional status, and endangering the economic independence, of the Nursing Profession.

After a meeting of two hours, which seemed all too short, the members availed themselves of Mrs. Spencer's kind invitation to tea, and a very pleasant hour was spent in recalling "old campaigns," which had resulted in victory, and in congratulating the older members who had for so many years helped to safeguard the rights and liberties of the nurses.

ANNIE E. HULME, Hon. Secretary.

POOR LAW INFIRMARY MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

A very well attended meeting of the Poor Law Infirmary Matrons' Association was held on January 31st, at the Eustace Miles Restaurant. Much interest was taken in the discussion of arrangements for shorter hours, and other problems and better conditions generally for the Nursing staffs. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Dr. Addison, Minister of Health, for the passing into law of the Nurses' Registration Acts.

VOTES OF THANKS RE REGISTRATION.

At a recent meeting, the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, Sir Thomas Jenner Verrall proposed from the chair a hearty vote of thanks to Lieut.-Col. Goodall, M.D., O.B.E., Medical Hon. Secretary, and to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Nurse Hon. Secretary, for their valuable services during the ten years they had held office.

At a recent meeting, the Legislation Committee of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland expressed a feeling that "a debt of gratitude was due to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick for her untiring labours in the cause of registration." It was agreed to recommend to the Executive Committee that a vote of thanks should be sent to the Minister of Health for his efforts to secure an agreed Bill.

THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT DOES ITS DUTY.

The American Government is setting an example in the treatment of its nurses discharged from military service, who are sick or who require hospital treatment as the result of illness contracted on duty.

Many nurses have returned to their homes broken in health, and as the *American Journal of Nursing* states, they are not aware that the Government is more than anxious to care for them. How much their Government cares is now being made known to them by Miss Lucy Minnigerode, Superintendent, Nurse Corps, U.S.P.H.S.

The Public Health Service is prepared to give treatment to the nurses discharged and eligible for such treatment under the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, provided for in the Act of March, 1919. Recently an arrangement has been made with the authorities of Sanatoria whereby a number of nurses may be cared for. A station is at once to be opened where twenty beds will be immediately available for nurses suffering with tuberculosis.

Those nurses needing hospital treatment other than tuberculosis, will be sent to a hospital, where the service has available a number of six-room houses which have recently been prepared for patients. Each one of these units has a bath and sitting room; the nurses who are ambulant and able to do so, will be allowed to go to the club to the general nurses' mess, thus avoiding as far as possible the hospital atmosphere. Nurses from far western states will have provision made for their care in private institutions as near to their homes as possible. Information as to the method of procedure in obtaining this care and treatment should be obtained either from the Red Cross Bureau of Information or from the Division Directors of Nursing in the division from which the applicant was enrolled. Division directors will confer with the medical officers in charge of the District for the Public Health Service, and the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, and arrange with them for the care and treatment of the various applicants. It is possible that later a hospital may be provided, exclusively for nurses, should it be found that there is a sufficient number of applicants for hospital treatment to warrant such a procedure.

CLUB FOR V.A.D.'s.

The College of Ambulance is making an appeal for £100,000 to establish a National Memorial College and Club for V.A.D.s. The College of Ambulance has recently taken over fine premises in Queen Anne Street, Cavendish Square, to carry on the training of V.A.D.s in first-aid, nursing, hygiene, and sanitation. A general appeal to doctors, instrument-makers, and chemists, will shortly be issued. Sir James and Lady Cantlie are the prime movers of this appeal.

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