

American Armies corresponds to that of commissioned officers, with the resulting precedence, respect, protection, titles, insignia and emoluments.

The Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council urges upon the Secretary of State for War and Air the claims of the members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, and of the members of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, to similar privileges, and petitions that these claims may receive his sympathetic consideration, and that he will take an early opportunity of submitting them to Parliament.

It was further agreed that an explanatory letter and a copy of the Resolution should be sent to the Director-General, Army Medical Service, Chairman, the Nursing Board, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service; the Director-General, Navy Medical Service; and the Director-General, Indian Army Medical Service.

It was also agreed that a copy of the Resolution be sent for consideration to the Royal British Nurses' Association, the Matrons' Council, the National Council of Registered Nurses, the National Union of Trained Nurses, the Professional Union of Trained Nurses, the Scottish Nurses' Association, and the Irish Nurses' Association—inviting them to support it.

It is hoped that representatives of Mental Nursing, and of Naval and Military Nursing, will soon be added to the Provisional Committee.

In thanking Mrs. Fenwick for presiding, members expressed their pleasure at again being associated together for definite work for their profession—one remarking, incidentally, "She felt quite lost without registration to work for—it had become a life-long habit!"

The meeting then terminated.

MARGARET BREAY.

### THE BUILDERS.

The City of God is within you—  
In every man its site,  
Foundations all laid ready  
For His Temple of Delight.  
But who would build upon them  
Must, like the men of old,  
With the left hand grasp the sword,  
With the right the trowel hold.  
For foes are all around him,  
Cunning and fierce and bold,  
Ever seeking to confound him,  
Or to buy his soul for gold.  
If he would build securely  
And build him firm and broad—  
Like those ancient men  
He must toil, and then,  
If need be, fight,  
To uphold his right  
To build his City of God.

JOHN OXENHAM,  
In *The King's Highway*.

Having applied for £15 per annum wage increase and being granted only £2, nurses engaged by the Abergavenny Guardians tendered resignations *en bloc*. The Board accepted the resignations.

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

### NOTES of BUSINESS DISCUSSED at MEETING of COUNCIL, HELD OCTOBER 6th, 1920.

The fortnightly meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland was held on 6th inst. The meeting lasted for four hours with the exception of an adjournment for lunch.

The bulk of the time was taken up in going over the Draft Rules as to admission of existing and "intermediate" nurses, particularly in regard to the differences between the Council's Draft Rules and those now adopted by the English and Irish Councils.

The Council agreed that the fee for admission to the Register in the case of existing nurses should be £1 rs. with a reduced fee of 10s. 6d. for each subsequent part of the Register, this being the same as the fee adopted by the English and Irish Councils.

The Council considered that the fee proposed by the English Council for a nurse who wishes to transfer her registration from one part of the Kingdom to another, namely, £1 rs., was much too high, and the Registrar was instructed to communicate with the English Council with a view to seeing whether they would not be prepared to reduce this to, say, 2s. 6d.

A question was raised in regard to the eligibility for admission to the General Register of existing nurses whose only training had been in a sick children's hospital. Before deciding whether such a training should be considered satisfactory evidence of adequate knowledge and experience in terms of the Act, the Registrar was instructed to communicate with the English Council for their views upon the subject.

Letters were considered from various Institutions desiring that their training should be accepted for the purposes of the Act. It was decided to appoint an education and examination Committee at next meeting, and the Registrar was instructed to reply meantime to the Institutions concerned that the matter could not yet be dealt with.

### OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

We regret that we are unable to award a prize this week. "Surface Nursing," with which the question deals, is one of fundamental importance in good nursing—the care of the skin, hair, mouth and nails of a helpless patient—and it is to be regretted our readers do not appear to realise its paramount importance in the comfort of the sick.

The National Baby Week Council has removed to 5, Tavistock Square, W.C. 1.

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