

DISTRICT NURSES AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT.

We have pleasure, in accordance with a request from Miss A. M. Peterkin, General Superintendent of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, in notifying that she has undertaken to make a list of all those Nurses undertaking District Work who do not wish to remain under the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act, and she would be glad if all Superintendents and Nurses who have not already done so would send their names direct to her before the 29th of October. The College of Nursing has written to the Hospitals, and there appears to be some doubt in the minds of many as to what District Nurses should do.

Miss Peterkin adds that it is not necessary to sign a form, a card or letter to 58, Victoria Street, London, S.W. 1, will be sufficient, and it is hoped that all District Nurses who object to their profession coming under the Unemployment Insurance Act will take this opportunity of saying so definitely.

The College of Nursing, Ltd., has asked the Minister of Labour to receive a Deputation on the subject.

THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

Through the kindness of the managers of various theatres, we have very often a certain number of Theatre tickets at the disposal of the members of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses.

Will all those living within the London radius, who would like to avail themselves of this privilege, communicate with the Secretary, giving, when possible, a telephone number?

Tickets will be specially reserved for country members on due notice being given.

Only those whose subscriptions are paid up to date can in any way benefit by the Union.

MAUDE MACCALLUM,

Hon. Secretary.

IN REMEMBRANCE.

A wreath inscribed "Sandringham, Norfolk. In remembrance, from Queen Alexandra," was sent to the Bishop of Norwich by Queen Alexandra to be placed on the monument of Edith Cavell, on the anniversary of her death.

It will be remembered that "after life's fitful fever," she rests under the shadow of the Cathedral at Norwich, which she loved so well, in the quiet corner known as "Life's Green."

SCOTTISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Scottish Nurses' Association was held in the hall of the Scottish Nurses' Club, 205, Bath Street, Glasgow, on Saturday, 15th inst. There was an excellent attendance.

The President of the Association, Dr. McGregor-Robertson, occupied the chair, and was supported

by Miss Nina Boyle, Mrs. Newton Virtue, Miss M. R. Stewart, Miss Hunter and the Acting Secretary, Miss Nora Campbell.

The formal business, adoption of Annual Reports of Secretary and Treasurer, election of Office Bearers, &c., was quickly disposed of.

The Annual Report showed an accession of 40 to the membership during the year and referred to the difficulties which had arisen in the framing of the regulations for the admission of Existing Nurses to the Register, and urged that such circumstances showed the need of the nurses to support their organised societies, if their opinions were to be made effective.

The finances of the Association were stated to be in a healthy condition, £150 being to the credit of the Association.

An address was afterwards given by Miss Nina Boyle, who said that nursing was the greatest of all the professions for women. It was necessary, however, that their standard should be kept at the highest possible level. In the past nursing had too often been the Cinderella of the professions, and she realised that with their long hours and close devotion to duty it was difficult for nurses to raise themselves out of that position. They could not get their profession on to the plane it ought to occupy unless they made their organisation sufficiently alive and powerful. Now that their conditions in hospitals, nursing homes, and sick rooms were a little easier, and their claim to some leisure was definitely recognised, they would be able to give a little more time to organisation and the placing of their profession on an equal footing with the great medical profession.

The address was listened to with the greatest possible interest and attention and a very warm vote of thanks was awarded Miss Boyle on the motion of Miss Stewart.

The Association then proceeded to consider the regulations for Existing Nurses and the efforts of the Local Authorities to have them amended in order to permit of nurses whose only training had been in fever hospitals being admitted to the General Register.

At the conclusion of the discussion the following Resolution was adopted unanimously, and the President was instructed to communicate it by telegraph to the Secretary for Scotland, Whitehall:

This Annual Meeting of the Scottish Nurses' Association approves of the Regulations drawn up by the General Nursing Council for Scotland for the admission of Existing Nurses to the Register as already laid on the table of each House of Parliament, and begs the Secretary for Scotland to resist any alteration on these Regulations or delay in their sanction by Parliament.

This finished the business part of the Meeting, after which a very pleasant hour was spent in the drawing-room of the Club with tea and talk.

To help in raising the £22,000 required by the Great Northern Central Hospital, Holloway, before December 31st, if it is to continue without curtailing its work, a meeting was held at the Mansion House on October 17th.

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