

## TO OUR READERS.

*"Go out to some anti-hill—watch the spirit of co-operation in which these little fellows work for the good of the mass—and you will have learned something that more human beings should know."*

We receive numerous letters from our readers of appreciation of the policy of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING and the work it has accomplished for the organisation and registration of Trained Nurses. These letters are very encouraging, and, to add to their value, might we suggest that our faithful clientèle should each make a point of obtaining a new annual subscriber, beginning with the new half year, July 2nd, and thus help to support the principle of a professional journal for professional women. State Registration has been won largely by the influence of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, but State Registration is the beginning and not the end of professional organisation. "Registered Nurses" will need in the future, as they have had in the past, an organ in the press free from trade influence if their interests are to be protected. Every nurse who supports THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING strengthens the power to effect professional solidarity. See page iii of cover.

### GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

At a meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, held at 13, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, June 15, the Registrar reported that no further communication had been received from the Scottish Board of Health in regard to the negotiations with the Board as to the existing nurses on the Board's Fever Register, and the Registrar was instructed to communicate with the Board and endeavour to have a settlement of the question at issue expedited.

Colonel Mackintosh presented the report of the Syllabus Committee, and this was approved after some discussion.

In the absence of Dr. Fraser, Colonel Mackintosh also submitted the report of the Education and Examination Committee, which had been engaged in preparing lists of approved hospitals for the training of existing nurses under the Rules.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SCOTTISH REGISTRATION COMMITTEE.

A Registration Committee was then appointed, consisting of Captain C. B. Balfour, C.B., Chairman of the Council (*ex officio*), Miss Nora Milnes, Vice-Chairman of the Council (*ex officio*), Dr. A. K. Chalmers, Dr. H. E. Fraser, Colonel D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., Miss K. L. Burleigh, Miss Gill, R.R.C., Miss E. T. Jones, Miss F. A. Merchant, Miss M. R. Stewart, and Miss Margaret M. White.

## INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL NEWS.

Miss L. Dock, Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, writes to the "Dear Dynamos" that her patience is worn out over the protracted condition of strife in the world. "Oh! for the old era to pass and the new one to burst full and gloriously upon us! To be sure the old one has begun to move off the stage slowly, and yet enough for us to see that it is going. So must it have seemed when feudalism began to wane. I wonder, had we lived then, would we have clung blindly to it, and have declared that feudalism was the most 'safe, sane' and altogether excellent form devised by little man in his strutting pomposity?"

"All this means I worry at nights over the International. Our new members ought to be admitted. . . . Miss Noyes thinks the American Nurses' Association should invite a Congress here in 1924, but as the few foreign members who came to Atlanta thought it too soon to begin, one feels it is little use in trying to make a business meeting in Seattle next year, as it is so remote a spot.

"So I have written to Mrs. Tscherning, Denmark, President, to suggest that you Europeans (all who are speaking to each other) have an interim meeting when and where you can, sending elected delegates to form the Grand Council, and you could then elect in new members, the Norwegian, Belgian, and Italian Nurses' Associations, which have applied for affiliation. What do you think of it?"

We think some such arrangement would be very desirable if a really central place were selected as a meeting place—The Hague, for instance. Travelling in these times is so costly that nurses have not the means to attend meetings at a distance, and they are thus being cut off from one of the most valuable educational methods—foreign travel—and coming into touch with new countries, peoples and national conditions, and thus extending their mental outlook and sympathies. Moving around the world was for the nursing profession the one silver lining to the war cloud.

The May issue of *The South African Nursing Record* is almost entirely devoted to reporting the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Central Board of the South African Trained Nurses' Association, held at Pretoria—a report well worth reading, only it takes time.

Miss Ellershaw was re-elected General President, Miss Alexander General Secretary, and it was agreed that the next meeting should be held at Port Elizabeth.

From the General Secretary's report we gather that the Association has accomplished wonders during the past year, and that the status of trained nurses in South Africa is slowly being secured. They hope great things from the Medical Bill, which has been redrafted, as provision is made for the representation of the nursing profession on the General Medical Council,

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