

of the Committees should be disrupted. They would notice that Miss Coulton did not suggest that her proposition was made with a view to furthering the work of the Council, or in the interests of the Registered Nurses, but in that of a few members of the Council, who presumably wished for office on the Standing Committees.

Miss Breay said that she thought the thanks of the Nursing Profession were due to those members of the General Nursing Council who quietly carried on its work as far as possible, while the majority of the members went on strike for ten weeks. (Applause.)

The Resolution was then carried unanimously. The business terminated with a cordial vote of thanks to Miss Kathleen Smith, the Matron of the London Temperance Hospital, and to the Board of Management for their kindness in permitting the Matrons' Council to meet there.

Miss Smith promised to convey the thanks of the Council to her Board and at the same time expressed her pleasure at the honour of this visit.

The members and guests—amongst them Miss Fairlie, Superintendent of Nurses, General Hospital, Hamilton, Canada—then adjourned to the Out-Patient Hall, where tea was most temptingly provided on little tables decorated with most lovely flowers, the gift of Lady Strong, a member of the Board of Management of the Hospital, who gave much pleasure to the Council by her presence at tea. The Chairman, Major Rigg, and Mr. and Mrs. Paterson were also present. Afterwards Miss Ellen La Motte, a distinguished American nurse, and author, gave a most interesting address on "The Illicit Traffic in Opium, and Her Experience of its Results in America," which we hope to report in a future issue.

The Chairman of the hospital expressed his pleasure at welcoming the Matrons' Council, and said that he considered it a great compliment to the hospital that it should hold its Annual Meeting there. It was a particular pleasure to him that Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, with whom in the past he had been associated in the fight for State Registration of Nurses, was amongst those present (Applause).

He was deeply in sympathy with this movement for increasing the status and dignity of the Nursing Profession.

He was delighted to listen to the address of Miss La Motte. He thanked the Matrons' Council for the opportunity of saying these few words, and considered it a great privilege to be present.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick warmly thanked Major Rigg for his kind words, and for his welcome to the London Temperance Hospital. The Matrons' Council had already passed a vote of thanks to the Board of Management, but she would like to express these thanks personally.

• Thy dreams of noble doing are but seeds,
And all about thee lie the waiting fields;
Sow thou in faith and love—the season yields
The perfect flower that crowns unselfish deeds.

Anthony E. Anderson.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

MEETING AT COPENHAGEN.

We have received from Mrs. Henny Tscherning a sketch of the Programme for the interim Meeting of the International Council of Nurses to be held at Copenhagen from May 22nd to 24th. Each affiliated National Council has the right to send four official delegates, who will be the guests of the Danish Council of Nurses for the three days' Conference. Fraternal delegates have always been welcomed at these Meetings, but, of course, "go on their own," and do not take part in the business transacted.

PROGRAMME.

MAY 22, 1922.

Morning Session :

Reading of reports from the Countries that are going to be accepted.

Lunch.

Excursion to the Institution for Crippled.

Evening Session :

General Meeting in the Head Quarters of the Danish Council of Nurses.

Formal reception of the different Countries.

MAY 23, 1922.

Morning Session :

1. What can be done to facilitate the reception of trained Nurses in the hospitals of different countries?

2. Election of an International Secretary.

Lunch.

Excursion to the "Rigshospital."
Banquet.

MAY 24, 1922.

Morning Session :

Excursion to the Finsen-Hospital.

Discussion on questions sent in by the other Countries.

Lunch.

Excursion to "Bispebjerg Hospital."
Excursion to Klampenborg.

If any of the Leagues or Societies wish to place on the Programme any Question they desire should be discussed on May 24th it should be submitted to the President of the National Council for Great Britain and Ireland before March 15th, at the Office, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1.

"The Value of an International Standard of Nursing Education and how to further it" will be forwarded from our National Council to the President at Copenhagen. We hope to be represented by two English delegates—one

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