

The nature of the pictures reflected in the mental body from external objects or thoughts closely resembles the impressions made on a sensitive plate by the etheric waves which lie beyond the light spectrum, and which act chemically on the silver salts, rearranging the matter on the plate so as to form pictures on it of the objects to which it has been exposed. When the Self perceives the pictures made on the sensitive plate of his mind, whose presence is revealed to him by his own responsive vibrations, he studies them, and then modifies them by sending out his own vibrations. This is Knowledge, the relation between the Knower and the Known. Concrete thinking consists in the attention of the Self being consciously turned on to thought images over which he is actively concerned. All the above refers to the concrete or brain mind only.

If any ask wherein lies the usefulness of investigating the mystery of thought, the answer is: Thought is the great moulding and building power of the universe; its right purpose is the helping of the world; and the true end of wisdom is to put an end to pain.

M. M. G. BIELBY.

THE ISLA STEWART MEMORIAL FUND.

A meeting of the Isla Stewart Memorial Fund Committee was held at 431, Oxford Street, on Saturday morning last, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in the Chair. Mrs. Shuter (the Hon. Secretary) presented a very satisfactory report.

A proposal was brought before the Committee from the National Council of Trained Nurses, inviting the Committee to consider sending an Isla Stewart Delegate to the interim meeting of the International Council of Nurses to be held at Copenhagen from May 22nd to 24th, who would rank as one of the Official Delegates of the National Council of Great Britain and Ireland—at the Conference and Social Functions—and be the guest of the Danish Council of Nurses for the three days of the International Meeting.

The Committee, realising the very deep interest the late Miss Isla Stewart—who helped to found the International Council—always took in its work, and the high value she set on the educative effect of international communion, decided to send a delegate and made a grant of £25 towards expenses.

It was agreed to invite Miss Helen Pearse (Superintendent, London County Council School Nurses) to attend the Conference, and Miss Pearse, who was present, intimated her great pleasure in accepting the invitation, subject to leave being granted for the purpose.

NURSING ECHOES.

Councillor Beatrice Kent hopes that nurses will attend the Meeting to be held on Friday, 10th inst., at 7 p.m., at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., and show their interest in the important questions under discussion—the present attitude of the General Nursing Council towards the Nursing Profession, and the danger to it of the Council's policy.

We deeply regret to have to inform the profession that the Minister of Health has approved and signed the two new Rules passed by the General Nursing Council on February 17th, (1) providing for the registration of nurses without their presenting original certificates or even a certified copy of same, and (2) dissolving all the Standing Committees only nine months before their term expires, and thus enabling the majority on the Council to penalise those colleagues to whose opinions they object by removing them from office. These Rules were, according to the Nurses' Registration Act, laid before each House of Parliament on Monday, March 6th, and must lie upon the Table for twenty-one days, during which time an Address may be presented to His Majesty by either House of Parliament praying that the Rule may be annulled or modified. His Majesty in Council may annul or modify the Rule, and, if annulled, it shall thenceforth be void, and, if modified, it shall henceforth have effect as modified, but without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done thereunder.

As these Rules, especially the first, are calculated to so seriously depreciate the value of Registration to the nurses and the public that the Register will be practically useless, the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council has decided to press the House of Commons to present an Address to His Majesty in Council praying that these new Rules may be annulled.

Councillor Beatrice Kent, the President of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, will gratefully receive subscriptions towards meeting the expenses of the action of the Council in attempting to secure justice for nurses. Subscriptions may be sent to the Hon. Secretary, R.N.P.C., at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1, and the sooner the better.

The interesting correspondence on "The Profession of Nursing" still continues to flow in the *Guardian* and the two schools to advocate their beliefs. With one all is perfect in

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