

fused to allow any more schemes to be put into force.

Lady Susan Gilmour quoted many instances where the Institute had established county nursing services, and were still carrying them on successfully. The Institute had come to an agreement with a large number of Approved Societies to provide nursing for the Societies' members. This was a most important step for the future benefit of the people. The Approved Societies would be paying either so much per visit of the nurse or on a capitation basis, and this would assist County Associations with their finances. What they wanted to effect in Forfarshire was a Federation of all the District Nursing Associations, so that no part of the county might remain un-nursed.

The scheme appears an excellent one, and, we hope, will be carried through. The sick poor have a right to Registered Nurses, and nursing in rural districts should no longer include the rougher domestic labour.

The committees of the Melbourne Hospital and of the Women's Hospital have agreed on a scheme of affiliation whereby a system of interchange of nurses has been arranged between the training schools of these institutions. The agreement provides that pupil-nurses will pass their period of probation at the Melbourne Hospital, and that in addition to the general training received there they will spend a part of the first three and a half years in the gynæcological wards at the Women's Hospital. Nurses will during the last six months of the full course of four years, be trained in midwifery at the Women's Hospital.

The effect of this combined training should be invaluable to the nurses, and the possession of the joint certificate to be issued will be a guarantee to the public of a comprehensive training. The committees of these hospitals are to be commended for their progressive policy, which it is anticipated will make an already valuable training even better.

In addition to the above important changes, the trustees of the C. L. Forrest trust have generously established at the Melbourne Hospital a fund to be known as "The C. L. Forrest Trust" Prize and Medal Fund for nurses of that institution. Provision is made for the award of first and second prizes to pupil-nurses in their respective years, and of a gold medal. In awarding the gold medal regard

will be had to practical ward work and general good conduct, in addition to aggregate marks received during the first three years.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Much regret will be felt by the Trained Nurses Association of India that Miss Ruth Darbyshire, Past President, is unable to attend the Copenhagen Meeting of the International Council of Nurses as its official Delegate. It is still necessary for Miss Darbyshire, under medical advice, to abstain from undue exertion after her recent illness. Under these regrettable circumstances Miss Maud Lamb will attend the Meeting, and we feel sure she will be a very suitable representative of the Nurses of India, where she was for some time Secretary of their Association, and knows intimately nursing conditions in that great Empire.

Another disappointment results from the attack of influenza from which we are pleased to learn Miss Kathleen Smith is recovering. She was to have been one of our four representatives, but unfortunately she is unable to go to Copenhagen. Miss Isabel Macdonald, invited to attend as her substitute, is unable to leave London, so Miss Maude MacCallum has been invited to take her place, and has consented to do so.

The National Council of Nurses will entertain all the Delegates going to Copenhagen at dinner at the Royal British Nurses Association's Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., on the evening of Wednesday, May 17th, and wish them *bon voyage*. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Founder of the International Council of Nurses, will preside. They are sure of a most interesting and instructive visit.

Rosettes of red, white and blue ribbon will be worn by our Delegates as their distinguishing mark at Copenhagen, and they are requested to take any Decorations they possess to wear on official occasions.

THE REGISTERED NURSES PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

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