

fort and happiness of a District Nurse who has to live with her an agreeable companion—sister or otherwise—but unless she pays for her own rooms she has no right to admit a lodger.

The five-year combined course for nurses between the Vancouver General Hospital and the University of British Columbia, leading to a degree in nursing, is said to be working out well. Already eighteen students are enrolled, and the first graduates will be in May, 1923.

A practical point from the *Canadian Nurse*: For a patient who is always losing her handkerchief and wants it "at once," try pinning a yard of baby ribbon to the left side of the nightgown with tiny safety pins, and fasten the handkerchief to the other end.

A rest home for nurses has been established in one of the suburbs of Sydney as a memorial to the late Nurse Edith Cavell. At the annual meeting of the fund it was stated that the past year had seen the objective of the fund realised—the raising of an endowment fund of £20,000 and the establishment of Cavell House. The honorary treasurer stated that the accumulated fund now amounted to £20,183, the expenditure during the year amounted to £1,219, and the income to £1,276. As the expenditure included a sum of £536 for furnishing and repairs of the building which had been given, the institution would be able to carry on without making any appeal to the public for financial assistance. The report concluded by an expression of the gratification felt by everyone connected with this movement that the long-worked-for goal has been reached at last, that Cavell House is now placed on a firm financial footing, and that it will continue to serve its double purpose of perpetuating the memory of Edith Cavell and of benefiting members of her noble calling.

Several mental nurses have recently appeared in the Courts accused of cruelty to patients, and the Bench has taken a lenient view of these cases and have dismissed the summonses. These nurses often work under most difficult conditions, and we are glad to learn that the Minister of Health is introducing a Bill into the House of Commons, in connection with which we hope their conditions will be improved. Some years ago, when a Government inquiry was held into the hours of work in some asylums, they were almost inconceivably long. No doubt things have improved since then.

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The twenty-fourth meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, on Friday, May 19th, SIR WILMOT P. HERRINGHAM, K.C.M.G., C.B., F.R.C.P., M.D., Chairman of the Council, presided.

The first business was to confirm the Minutes of the previous meeting. MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK asked that the letter read at the last meeting from six members of the Council, giving their reason for resigning from certain Standing Committees might be placed on the Minutes. It was an important letter and had been omitted from the Minutes.

This was agreed.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick also drew attention to two inaccuracies. The Minutes stated that notice of motion had in two instances been given by Miss Cox-Davies: (1) That no letters be brought up to the Council except through the Registrar; and (2) that the inspection of papers queried should be made in the presence of the Chairman of the Registration Committee. Miss Cox-Davies objected to freedom of action on the points referred to, but there was no definite notice of motion in either case, as it was pointed out that under Rule 49 members of Council had a right to inspect records in office hours, and no notices of motion were on the Agenda of the present meeting in her name.

The Chairman referred the point to the REV. G. B. CRONSHAW, who was in the chair at the last meeting. Mr. Cronshaw said he understood that both were notices of motion, and were taken down as such.

MISS COX-DAVIES made no comment.

THE CHAIRMAN said arising out of the Minutes, in reference to paragraph 239, MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK had quite properly raised the question of the omission of an incident which took place. He was responsible for its omission, as he was under the impression that the minutes were communicated to the Press, but he found this was not the case; there was, therefore, no reason why it should not be recorded.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK asked whether it might be recorded that the member of the Council referred to had not been allowed the right of reply.

THE CHAIRMAN said he could not put that on the minutes, but MRS. FENWICK could make a statement if she wished.

MRS. FENWICK did not desire to do so, but thought the minutes should be a correct record of what took place.

### Correspondence.

#### REGISTRATION IN THE CROWN COLONIES.

THE CHAIRMAN reported a letter from Sir Herbert Read, a Secretary at the Colonial Office, in reference to registration in the Dominions and Crown Colonies. He (the Chairman) was in some

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