

over us. It is very degrading, and I don't wonder refined, free, bright girls do not care to enter a profession which is apparently only fit for congenital idiots. The reports of the G.N.C. Meetings make my blood boil. If I was not too old I should seek another sphere of work. Whilst trying to rope in probationers I feel inclined to tell them to avoid such soulless lives, for from start to finish no nurse can call her soul her own in this country."

The *South African Nursing Record* warns trained nurses not to go to South Africa unless they have work to go to. The supply of home-trained nurses is at present sufficient for the demand. Moreover, English nurses have no knowledge of the Dutch language, which is a great handicap, and they are not always as adaptable as they might be.

An old member of the R.N.S. writes from Grahamstown:—"Such a number of nurses have come out here, and although many of them have returned to England, there are hundreds too many. I am thankful I have a cancer case, though it is a 24-hour day, and constant attendance." That sounds rather sad, and not much to be thankful for.

It is quite right the clergy should be interested in the nursing of the sick, but one could wish their Christian spirit did not so often embolden them to deliver Papers on Nursing at Poor Law Conferences. As a class they really have not sufficient expert knowledge for such teaching. At Malvern the Rev. H. P. Fraser made several suggestions for popularising nursing in small Poor Law Infirmarys of a sensible nature, but when he suggested that the Union hospital's staff should "find time" to do the district nursing in the vicinity, nothing would be more likely to disorganise the whole institution. The smaller Poor Law hospitals must be grouped, as suggested by the General Nursing Council. To provide sufficient clinical material for an efficient training is the only way to induce women to enter for training. The G.N.C. Exam. is coming nearer every day.

The Committee of the Queen's Nursing Association, Nottingham, desirous of reducing the outstanding debt on the house recently acquired for the nurses, have invited representative ladies and gentlemen to form a committee for the purpose of arranging a *fête* for this object. The *fête* is to be held in the Queen's Park on Saturday, July 1st, from 2 to 10 p.m.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

THE COPENHAGEN MEETING.

It is with great pleasure we record once again, after the interval necessitated by the War, that a meeting of the Grand Council of the International Council of Nurses has been held at Copenhagen, from May 22nd to 24th inclusive, on the kind invitation of the Danish Council of Nurses.

MONDAY, MAY 22nd.

MORNING SESSION.

Delegates from ten countries were present when the meeting was called to order on the morning of May 22nd by the President, Mrs. Henny Tscherning (President of the Danish Council), in the beautiful building of the Young Women's Christian Association, St. Kannikesstræde 19.

OFFICIAL DELEGATES.

The following Presidents of National Councils and Official Delegates were present:—

DENMARK.

The Danish Council of Nurses.

Mrs. Henny Tscherning, *President*.
Miss Charlotte Munck.
Miss Inger Nordentoft.
Miss Cornelia Petersen.
Miss Charlotte Reimann.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The National Council of Trained Nurses.

Miss Beatrice Cutler, *Hon. Secretary*.
Miss Helen L. Pearse, Superintendent of School Nurses under the London County Council.
Miss E. Maude MacCallum, Member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.
Miss M. Muriel, Member of Council Royal British Nurses' Association.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The American Nurses' Association.

Miss Nelson.

INDIA.

The Trained Nurses' Association of India.

Miss Maud Lamb, late Secretary and Treasurer, Association of Nursing Superintendents of India.

SOUTH AFRICA.

The South African Trained Nurses' Association.

Miss J. C. Child, *Hon. Vice-President*, South Africa, and *Overseas President*, South African Trained Nurses' Association.

HOLLAND.

Dutch Nurses' Association.

Miss M. Verway Mejan, *President*.
Miss M. Berkelbach v.d. Sprenkel, *Secretary*.
Miss M. Kehrer, Editor *Nosokomos*.

FINLAND.

The Association of Nurses of Finland.

Baroness Mannerheim, *President*, Matron, Surgical Hospital, Helsingfors.

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