

she will take care that the interests of Sick Children and their Nurses are not forgotten. We have recently worked on a committee with Miss Bushby—bright, full of energy, and genuinely kind, a woman of the world, she was an example to us all.

JOINT NURSING AND MIDWIVES' COUNCIL FOR IRELAND.

A Meeting of the above Council was held in the Council Office, 118, Great Victoria Street, on Tuesday, 21st instant, at 4.30 p.m.

Members present:—Colonel Dawson, C.M.O. (Chairman), Miss Curtin, Miss Campbell, Miss Kelly, Miss Hawkin, and R. J. Johnstone, Esq., M.P., F.R.C.S. (Eng.).

The reports of the Finance, Registration and Rules' Committees were read and approved. Arrangements for the Registration of Nurses and Midwives in Northern Ireland are now nearly complete, and it was decided to commence Registration on December 1st, 1922.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

The result of the elections are awaited throughout the Scottish Nursing World with some anxiety. With us, many Scottish nurses approve of an entirely independent Governing Body, and are not satisfied to be controlled by persons, however admirable, who owe professional allegiance to an outside organisation. No Council so constituted can be entirely impartial, and if justice is to be administered without fear or favour, the nurses' representatives should be quite independent of outside pressure.

DANCE AT THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' CLUB.

The dance at the R.B.N.A. Club, on November 23rd was a very successful function. Many guests were present and certainly there was reason to disbelieve the assertion that gentlemen do not care for the modern dances, for a large number came and few among them missed a single dance. The double room on the ground floor made an excellent ball room, and its polished floor left nothing to be desired, although soon the dancers "overflowed" into the drawing-room and danced to the music of the gramophone, for which many delightful records have been presented to the nurses by Mr. A. S. Clarke.

The Jazz Band from Queen Alexandra's House supplied the music—"a treat to listen to apart from the dancing," said one guest. Most of the guests wore evening dress, but there was an ancient Eastern Minister of the year 1056 B.C., a gallant Black Watch man, two ladies from the harems, besides others in fancy dress. The thanks of the promoters of a very successful evening are due chiefly to Miss Strachan, a Member of the

Association, who came up from Brighton and very kindly took over the whole of the arrangements for the dance, while Major Rigg and Mr. Paterson also helped very largely to make it such a complete success. Everyone appeared to enjoy it exceedingly, and close upon the hour of midnight one gentleman of resource conceived a plan for prolonging the dance. Knowing that the fiancée of one of the guests resides at the Club, he, with some other gentlemen, decided to see this Romeo home, and so they danced on happily while their unconscious tool "tripped the light fantastic toe" unconscious that the clock had been made to hand over its duty to him.

The staff at the Club rose to the occasion, and the guests enjoyed delightful dainties during the interval in the middle of the programme.

Requests have been received that another dance be organised, and we hear that Miss Spencer's dancing class, on Monday evenings at the Club, is likely to be considerably augmented.

Sale of Work for the Settlement Fund.

The Sale of Work at the R.B.N.A. Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., in aid of the Settlement Fund has been fixed for Thursday, December 7th. Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian will open it at noon on that day. We hope that all Members who can will make a point of being present, for although we hope to continue the Sale at 5 p.m. on the 8th, most of the articles are likely to be sold on the opening day. The Hon. Secretary relies upon the co-operation of the nurses, and hopes that each reader of the Journal will make a point of persuading friends to attend on the 7th. Circulars giving particulars can be procured on application to her at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7. She will also be most grateful to hear from nurses who will undertake to come and help on the day of the Sale.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

A meeting by the request of constituent Societies of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses will be held at an early date, to consider the protection of the rights of Registered Nurses, as defined in the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, and the powers conferred by Parliament upon the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

LEGAL MATTERS.

At Dartford, Kent, on November 24th, Miss Margaret Harvey, of Bexley, formerly Matron at the Darlington (Durham) Infirmary, charged with being in possession of a pistol and cartridges, said she had the pistol while on war service in the Balkans, and with it she was able to defend her honour.

The chairman said that in consideration of her war services a light fine of 20s. would be imposed

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