

Miss Agnes Gray, trained at the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, was in charge of the Drill Hall Auxiliary Hospital, Cranbrook, during the war. She holds the C.M.B. certificate.

The V.A.D. members were: Mrs. Edith Isaac, R.R.C., Mrs. Ellen Lois Eames, and Miss Marion Compton.

It seems unjustifiable to incur the great expense of sending V.A.D.s to Greece, when hundreds of thoroughly qualified nurses would gladly have gone, and had Queen Sophie still been at Athens we feel sure she would have preferred highly efficient nurses: she has met them and realises their value. When will our Red Cross follow the example of America, and make "Red Cross Nurse" synonymous with Registered Nurse? It really is too futile that our profession has to share all the plums of foreign service with V.A.D.s.

We are still hearing from nurses who contend that they are "registered" on the State Register because they have paid a guinea to become members of the College of Nursing, Ltd., and that their Matrons urge them to join the College before making application for State Registration. Surely this advice is very unfair, and it would be well in the forthcoming issue of the official organ of the College to make it quite plain to applicants that there is only one Statutory Register, and that is under the control of the General Nursing Council. As one nurse writes: "I had to squeeze out £2 2s. instead of £1 1s., which I could very ill afford."

A meeting of the Cork Branch of the Irish Nurses' and Midwives' Union was recently held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse. Mrs. Walsh was unanimously elected Secretary, and Miss Hartnett Assistant Secretary. A number of new members were enrolled.

Miss Gloster, Dublin, Organiser, addressed the meeting, and expressed great satisfaction at such a large attendance. Also that the nurses were seriously considering the interests of their profession showing that they realised nothing could be gained without solid organisation. The enthusiasm shown made her hope that this Cork Branch would be in a very strong position in the near future, and she wished them all success.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

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Report of Education and Examination Committee.

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee was, in the absence of Miss Lloyd Still, presented by Miss Cox-Davies, who moved that it be received. Since the last meeting of the Council the Committee has met three times.

The Committee reported (I) that it has elected Miss Lloyd Still to be Chairman.

II. SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

Considered.—Letter from the Minister of Health, relative to Training Syllabus. (This letter was printed in our issue of February 24th.)

After considerable discussion a Resolution was passed—

"That the Council adhere to the Preface which is found on the first page of the Syllabus of Training."

The Committee further resolved to recommend—

"That this Syllabus of Training be issued on the authority of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales."

To bring the Preface up to date the Committee resolved to recommend certain changes in it as it now exists, viz. (a) that the red slip be now omitted; (b) on page 1, para. 6, to delete the words:—

"And it is also compiling a list of institutions approved by the Council in which the prescribed training shall be carried out. In due course it proposes to issue rules and dates for the holding of examinations."

And to substitute the words:—

"It has already approved a large number of institutions in which the prescribed training may be carried out, and a Syllabus of subjects for Examination will be issued."

(c) In the next paragraph to delete the words:—

"In order to inform them of the general lines of education and the standard required by the Council to be attained by candidates.

"The Council believes this syllabus will meet the needs of schools of various resources and equipment, and enable them to prepare their pupils for the examinations contemplated by the Statute. It is intended to outline a minimum standard, and the method of arrangement has been chosen to give a clear exposition of the scheme."

And substitute the following:—

"And that it may provide a scheme by which the candidates may be instructed in the subjects prescribed in detail by the Syllabus of Subjects for Examination."

(d) On page 2, after the last paragraph, to add the following:—

"The General Nursing Council has decided that the Examination shall be divided into two parts. The Preliminary Examination will be common to all probationers whether training for the General Nursing, or for some Supplementary Part of the Register. It will include Anatomy and Physiology, Hygiene, and the First Part of the Theory and Practice of Nursing

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