

## SCOTTISH NURSES' CLUB.

PRINCESS LOUISE ACCEPTS HONORARY  
PRESIDENCY.

The Marchioness of Ailsa presided at the Annual Meeting of the Scottish Nurses' Club, held in the Clubhouse, 203, Bath Street, Glasgow, on Saturday.

Miss M. R. Stewart, Secretary, submitted the report, which stated that the year had been an eventful one inasmuch as that the alterations in the new premises at the Club had been completed in the early autumn. The increased accommodation added greatly to the comfort and wellbeing of the Club, and also eased and simplified the working arrangements for the staff. The social life of the Club had been well maintained and more fully developed during the session. The report dealt in detail with the work of the Club, and showed that the finances were in a satisfactory condition.

In the course of an address the Marchioness of Ailsa, who is President of the Club, commented upon the progress of the Club during the year, and intimated that the Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, had graciously yielded to her request and consented to become Honorary President of the Club. Referring to the extended premises, she stated that they would be formally opened by the Honorary President. The formal opening would, however, be delayed until it was convenient for the Princess Louise to be present. The Marchioness of Ailsa further stated that she would have much pleasure in sending a telegram to the Honorary President in the following terms:—"The Annual Meeting of the Scottish Nurses' Club has heard with the greatest pleasure of the acceptance by your Royal Highness of the Honorary Presidency of the Club."

## THE MONTHS.

## APRIL.

## Question—

Capricious Lady of the gold and green  
Whose many moods change places hour by hour  
From sweeping showers to sunshine in between  
Tell us the secret that ensures your power?

## Answer—

Would you who question laud me if you knew  
When, in due order, came or tears or mirth?  
Whereas I make it manifest to you  
There's naught so *dull* as *certainty* on earth!  
C. B. M.

## COMING EVENTS.

*April 3rd to 7th.*—Annual Hospital, Nursing and Midwifery Exhibition and Conference, Central Hall, Westminster.

*April 6th.*—Professional Union of Trained Nurses. Annual Meeting, "Plane Tree," 106, Great Russell Street, W.C.1. 5.30 p.m.

*April 11th.*—Royal British Nurses' Association: The Ramblers' Club. Lunch at the "Cheshire Cheese," Fleet Street, E.C. Write to the Secretary for further particulars, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

## KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

## FUTILE AND UNJUST.

*Trained and Certificated School Nurse.*—"Already I find State Registration of Nurses is beginning to tell in. Up to now, in these parts, the M.O.H. has appeared quite satisfied that 'School Nurses' should not be nurses at all, and young women who have paid high fees for instruction in Hygiene, Sanitary Work and Midwifery, have been appointed 'School Nurses' and called by the title, and are highly indignant if one suggests that they have absolutely no right either to undertake nursing responsibility or assume the name. Can you tell me if the new Rule inspired by the College Council (College nurses down here know nothing about it) to place women without hospital training on the General Part of the Register—will entitle a sanitary inspector earning her living as a nurse to use our Statutory title of 'Registered Nurse'?"

[Every woman who before 1900 refused to train, or after proving a failure in hospital, undertook nursing in a home, district, or cottage, or on her own, who has deluded the public that she is a "trained nurse," may apply for registration under the proposed new Rule 9.1 (g). Such workers are eligible. Why the College has agitated for a special Rule to admit untrained middle-aged and old persons to the Register is best known to that lay-controlled Company. It is a grotesque Rule, and a danger to the public. A Rule providing for the admission of "hard cases" as Existing Nurses under the strictest scrutiny of the Council, and not by the Registrar, would have met the few cases of hardship which may have arisen. The new Rule as drafted is as futile as it is unjust.—ED.]

## WHERE TO REGISTER.

Apply for Application Form to the Registrar:—  
ENGLAND AND WALES—12, York Gate, Regent's Park, London, N.W.

SCOTLAND—13, Melville Street, Edinburgh.

IRISH FREE STATE—33, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

NORTHERN IRELAND—118, Great Victoria Street, Belfast.

Forms should be carefully filled in and the names given for references from persons who have agreed to supply them.

## OUR PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTIONS.

*April 14th.*—Give an account of (a) the complications, (b) the nursing, of a case of tuberculosis of the spine.

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