

during the war can hardly constitute even a wealthy peeress "a leader of the Nursing Profession." Our profession claims from its leaders professional status, lifelong devotion to its best interests, and the highest standards of knowledge and skill. It is this worship of patronage in high places which is so snobbish and unwholesome in "College" policy, and is doing so much to undermine the self-respect of the rank and file of the Nursing Profession. As soon as the Cardiff Club ceases to be a "charity" and is self-supporting, let us hope the Marchioness of Bute will encourage the nurses to manage their own affairs, and no longer to cling on to the fringes of Society. Limpets are never permitted to get any further.

We remember when the existing constitution of the Sutherland Benefit Nursing Association was adopted—advocated as it was by the then Millicent, Duchess of Sutherland—how greatly Scottish Queen's Nurses deplored it. It made possible the nursing of the poor by women with little training and nursing skill. At a recent Annual Meeting of the Association, which took place at Dunrobin Castle, a letter was read from the Scottish Board of Health recommending a revision of the constitution and several of the rules and regulations for nurses, and confirming the decision of the Committee in appointing trained nurses to the vacancies that might arise.

We congratulate the Scottish Board of Health, and sincerely hope the day is not far distant when Registered Queen's Nurses will be provided to care for the sick poor in rural districts. Too long have these patients been at the mercy of standards of nursing defined by committees of philanthropic ladies, who know no more of "trained" nursing than they do of medical science. The standards of nursing defined by the General Nursing Council for Scotland, to which in the future nurses must attain before they are recognised as safe attendants on the sick, must be the standard Nursing Associations accept, if their philanthropic efforts are to be of any worth.

We note that Lady Martin Harvey, the actress, is reported to have sailed for New York. We hope she is not carrying with her a "Nation's Fund" receipt book, as she did on her Canadian tour. We warn our American colleagues that vicarious begging in the name of English Nurses is most distasteful to self-respecting nurses in Great Britain, and we hope if any attempt is made by Lady Martin

Harvey to hold us up *in forma pauperis* that they will make a public protest as our Canadian cousins did. Just imagine an American actress appealing for charity for American nurses in Great Britain, and you will realise how we feel about it.

Miss J. Joubert, Superintendent of the Victoria Nurses Institute, Hof Street, Cape Town, is taking time by the forelock, and is organising a scheme to conduct a contingent of our colleagues from South Africa to London, Scotland, and Paris, starting in April next, so as to participate in the British Empire Exhibition, now so rapidly arising at Wembley. The cost of the tour is estimated at £150, which sum is calculated to cover return passage money by a P. & O. boat, trains, boats, accommodation, and sightseeing, the trip to take three months. This appears a unique opportunity for South African nurses who have never been overseas, but as prices are sure to rise in London next year, when it will be very crowded, we think some economy will be needed to have £150 cover the cost of such a tour. How about hospitality? Do any of our readers see their way to offer it? Imperial feeling should run high during the term of the British Empire Exhibition, and our colleagues from Overseas be sure of a hearty welcome.

The International Council of Women has been fortunate in securing a good site at the British Empire Exhibition, on which a pavilion will be erected to be used as an information bureau, rest room and meeting place for women visitors from Great Britain and overseas. It is also proposed to arrange a series of lectures and conferences throughout the time the Exhibition is open, either in the pavilion or in a larger lecture hall, which it is understood will be available.

The co-operation of all women's societies is invited, in order to ensure the success of the scheme. Further details will be published as soon as arrangements are rather more advanced.

The South African Trained Nurses' Association has shown itself keenly alive to the value of Dr. Truby King's work. We hear that Miss Jentie Paterson was booked before her arrival in South Africa for four Lectures in Cape Town, and for a social gathering. Mrs. Bennie, the President of the Cape Town Branch of the S.A.T.S.A., arranged a luncheon

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