

unanimity of the members of the Executive Committee and of the Council in making the appointment may, indeed, be taken as a reflection of the feelings of loyalty and good will in the hearts of all our Members when we welcome to the Presidential Chair Her Royal Highness the Princess Arthur of Connaught, State Registered Nurse.

#### A RECEPTION TO MEET THE PRESIDENT.

A Reception will be held at the Club on Thursday, February 21st, at 4 p.m., in order that members of the Association may have the honour of meeting the new President of the Corporation, Her Royal Highness the Princess Arthur of Connaught.

All members of the Association are most cordially invited to be present, and we shall be glad if those who intend to avail themselves of the invitation will send a postcard to the Secretary, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, informing her of this intention.

We know that all members who can will make a point of attending, in order to participate in our welcome to Her Royal Highness, the President, on this her first visit to our Headquarters.

#### DONATIONS.

The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges with warm thanks the following donations:—

*General Purposes Fund.*—Sydney Pitt, Esq., £21; Miss H. Lamb and Miss S. E. Underhill, £1; Mrs. Gurnett, Miss E. Seymour, 5s.; Mrs. Bridges and Misses E. M. Dickson and A. C. Weaver, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Holdsworth and Miss E. Balding, 1s.

*Princess Christian Memorial Fund.*—Mrs. John Temple, £200; Mrs. Bridges and Miss Evans, £1; Mrs. Distin and Misses M. Chitson and A. Jordan, 10s.; Mrs. Kerr, 5s.; Miss M. Murdoch, 5 dollars.

*Club Fund.*—Miss I. Macdonald, £1 5s.; Miss Lamb, £1 1s.; Miss Starke, £1; Miss Blacklock, 5s.

*Helena Benevolent Fund.*—Miss H. Lamb, 10s. 6d.; Miss S. E. Underhill, 10s.; Miss A. E. Briggs, Miss M. J. Waters, 5s.; Miss M. M. Wethered, 4s.; Misses A. Haynes, M. J. Phelp, H. Rawlings, 2s. 6d.; Misses A. de Wickham, E. C. Fenning, 2s.; Misses E. Blomfield, A. E. Crowsley, E. M. Dickson, E. Hanrahan, A. L. James, C. MacLean, L. E. Martin, E. Mayers, and Mrs. Holdsworth, 1s.

*Settlement Fund.*—Miss H. Lamb, £1 7s. 6d.; Miss A. Jordan, 10s.; Miss H. Pledger, 2s. 6d.

ISABEL MACDONALD,  
Secretary to the Corporation.

### THE NURSES' ORGANIZATIONS.

#### THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

The International Council of Nurses, founded in London, in 1899, upon the initiative of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, will attain its first quarter of a century this year, and in spite of the necessary cessation of international activities during the Great War, when the nations of the world were rent asunder, the success of the movement has been continuous.

The fundamental principle of the Council is, that it is composed of organisations of trained nurses only and is therefore inspired by self-determination. In expressing an opinion it voices the views of professional nurses without pressure or control of any outside influence or interest. It is, in fact, the medium through which the Federated Nurses of the world can unite for the uplift of nursing progress and reform for a high standard of National Health and for the Service of Humanity. This chain of Service is

rapidly encircling the world, and next year, when the International Council of Nurses meets at Helsingfors—the beautiful capital of Finland—the following countries will have a right to official representation: Great Britain and Ireland, the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand, India, South Africa, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Belgium, Italy, and China,

France, Switzerland, Greece, Turkey, Roumania, Serbia, Bulgaria, and Poland are tentatively represented by Hon. Vice-Presidents until such time as National Councils of Nurses eligible for Federation in the International Council, are formed. When we realise that next year the International is to meet, and as well as holding the business meetings, an International Nursing Congress will be held (probably in July), it will soon be time for the affiliated National Councils to meet and prepare such resolutions as they may wish to have placed upon the Agenda for consideration by the Grand Council of official delegates. Then the election of the future President for the next triennial period must take place, and as this is a matter of the utmost importance for the welfare of the Council, serious consideration should be given to this important matter.

The Past Presidents have been: Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Great Britain and Ireland; Fraulein Karll, Germany; Miss Annie Goodrich, United States of America; Mrs. Henny Tscherning, Denmark; and Baroness Sophie Mannerheim, Finland, now in office.

Nominations for the positions of the Hon. Officers to the Council must reach the Hon. Secretary in time for insertion on, and circulation of, the Agenda of the Grand Council, by which body they are elected.

In future issues we hope to tell our readers something of Finland, to many of whom it is, no doubt, *terra incognita*, and seems infinitely far away. First let them realise that Finland exceeds in size the United Kingdom, although its population is merely three millions in comparison with our fifty millions of people. Conquered by Russia in 1809 for upwards of a hundred years Finland suffered under Russian domination, until 1918, when she declared her independence after the collapse of Russia under the Soviet regime, and is now governed by a Republic.

Helsingfors is a beautiful city, and the lakes and scenery of Finland lovely in the extreme.

#### THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting of the Matrons' Council will be held on Saturday, January 19th, at the Royal British Nurses' Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., at 3 p.m. Miss Kathleen Smith, S.R.N., R.R.C., the President, will be in the chair. The business will include the election of Hon. Officers.

The revision of the Constitution of the General Nursing Council, as required by the Minister of Health, will be considered, together with the administration of the Nurses' Registration Act by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

After the meeting there will be tea and a social gathering.

#### THE REGISTERED NURSES' PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council will be held on Wednesday, January 23rd, at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., at 4.30 p.m. The Council intends to put the demand for a Prescribed Syllabus of Training in the forefront of its work. The Nurses' Act grants this right to Probationers in training, and we do not mean to weakly submit to its deprivation by Sir Wilmot Herringham and his Council.

As we wrote in our last issue—"gloves off" in this all-important matter. A Prescribed Syllabus of Training is what we have been fighting for for years. Parliament has granted it to us in our Act and we must not permit "the enemy" to deprive us of this all important professional privilege.

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