

formed to carry this idea into practical effect; with power to add to its number nurses representing other countries than those at present represented; to draft a form of organisation, and the necessary Articles of Association defining the Constitution of the Council, and Bye-Laws and Regulations to guide its proceedings; and to take the necessary steps to commence the formation of National Councils of Nurses in various countries, and to convene a meeting of delegates then nominated in London or Paris as may be found most suitable in 1900, in order to adopt the Constitution which may be agreed upon, and formally commence the work of the International Council of Nurses."

3. "That the Provisional Committee be now constituted as follows:—

"*The United Kingdom*—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Councillor Matrons' Council; Miss Isla Stewart, Chairman Matrons' Council; Miss C. M. Beachcroft, Councillor, Matrons' Council; Miss M. N. Cureton, Councillor Matrons' Council; Miss Gertrude Knight, Vice-Chairman Matrons' Council; Miss Margaret Huxley, Vice-Chairman Matrons' Council; Miss M. Mollett, Vice-Chairman Matrons' Council; Miss M. Breay, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer Matrons' Council.

"*The United States*—Mrs. Hampton Robb, Hon. Member Matrons' Council; Miss Lavinia Dock, Hon. Member Matrons' Council; Miss Brennan, Hon. Member Matrons' Council; Miss Hanna Kindbom, Hon. Member Matrons' Council; Mrs. Quintard, New York; and Miss Lucy Walker, Philadelphia.

"*Canada*—Miss Snively, Hon. Member Matrons' Council; and Miss Murray, Toronto.

"*New Zealand*—Mrs. Grace Neill, Hon. Member Matrons' Council.

"*New South Wales*—Miss McGahey, Hon. Member Matrons' Council.

"*Victoria*—Miss M. Farquharson, Hon. Member Matrons' Council.

"*Holland*—Miss Reijnvaan, Hon. Member Matrons' Council; Miss Krüysse, Amsterdam.

To represent countries where the Matrons' Council have not yet an Honorary Member.

"*Cape Colony*—Sister Henrietta of Kimberley.

"*Denmark*—Mrs. Gordon Norrie, Corresponding Secretary of the Danish National Council of Women."

It was further agreed that Miss M. Breay should, in the initial stages of the proceedings, act as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Provisional Committee.

The members of the Committee present requested that the English members should draft the suggested constitution; and that it should be sent round to all the international members, so that they might duly consider it and return it with their suggestions before the Constitution and Bye-Laws were presented to the assembled delegates in 1900. This was agreed to.

It was unanimously agreed to that the proposal to organize an International Council of Nurses should be brought to the notice of the Heads of Nurses' Training Schools and organized Societies of Nurses, by each country's representatives, with a view to making the Council as efficient and representative as possible.

#### "PATRIOTISM IS NOT ENOUGH."

The words associated with the last hours of Edith Cavell, as she conversed with the Chaplain in her prison cell before her execution, "Patriotism is not enough," are to be inscribed upon her monument near Trafalgar Square, on the front of the Memorial. The work has been sanctioned by Mr. Jowett, First Commissioner of Works, and will be put in hand immediately.

#### OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

We regret that none of the papers received this month came up to the prize standard.

#### QUESTION FOR SEPTEMBER.

What are the symptoms of Shock and Collapse? Mention some of the causes of these conditions. Give Nursing and treatment.

## NURSING ECHOES.

On July 16th, the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses met at 58, Victoria Street, and in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Sir William Hale-White presided.

The Duchess of Portland presented Long Service Badges to the Inspectors, Miss Glass and Miss Herdman; Superintendents, Miss Hancox (Sheffield), Miss Marsters (Paddington and St. Marylebone), Miss Watson (Fulham), and six Nurses, who had recently completed 21 years' service as Queen's Nurses. She congratulated the Nurses on the splendid work they were doing, and referred to the deep interest taken by Queen Alexandra in the Queen's Nurses and their work.

Our picture shows this pleasant ceremony, and probably there are no nurses in the Kingdom who deserve recognition of their work more than Queen's Nurses, who, year in, year out, work so faithfully in the homes of the poor, not only nursing the sick, but teaching the laws of hygiene and sanitation, and acting as the guides, counsellors and friends in the districts which they serve, of young and old. Of those to receive the Badge on the present occasion Miss Marsters is, we believe, the doyenne, having served the whole of the 21 years as Superintendent. She holds the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as a Health Visitor and Sanitary Inspector, and takes a deep interest, and sits on many committees connected with health agencies in her sphere of influence. It is characteristic of her conception of her duty that during the war she worked with the Special Constabulary on Air Raid Duty.

The Badge, which is fastened with a pin, is a replica of the bronze and silver badges ordinarily worn by Queen's Nurses, but is carried out in gold and dark and light blue enamel. On the back is inscribed: "For twenty-one years' service."

We last month published the names of the successful students who completed the International Course of Instruction in Public Health Nursing at Bedford College, and received their certificates on July 4th, Sir Arthur Stanley being in the Chair. The most abiding memory in our minds of the ceremony, which is always an interesting and pleasant one, is that Sir Arthur referred to Sir Wilmot Herringham, K.C.M.G., who distributed the prizes, as the recognised and established head of the Nursing Council of Great Britain and Ireland, and Sir Claude Hill referred to the very peculiar honour done to the students by the imprimatur given to them by his presence, thus giving them the endorsement of the Nursing Profession. Some day perhaps the body of nurses in this country will have a head of its own.

The Matron and Authorities of the Jenny Lind Hospital, Norwich, are to be congratulated that three trainees of that School (a well-known Children's Hospital), all from Norfolk, took the first places in the Final Examination at Charing Cross Hospital, London, on June 30th. Nurse Haile, from Brixton, gained the gold medal, Nurse Swift, from Gorleston, the silver medal, and Nurse Learnor, from Southrepps was placed third. It is an achievement of which all concerned may be proud.

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