

### THE ROYAL INFIRMARY BRADFORD NURSES' LEAGUE.

During the Christmas vacation six of the International students sent to this country by the League of Red Cross Societies to take the year's course in Social Science at Bedford College, were the guests of the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, when they had the opportunity of studying the Public Health work which is particularly well organised in that city, and where they received the greatest kindness from Miss Jessie W. Davies, S.R.N., and all with whom they came in contact. The students were Miss Moe (Norway), leader of the group, Mrs. Driekant (Latvia), Miss Larsson (Finland), Miss Bunck (Denmark), Miss Ahnne (France), and Miss Osztoics (Hungary). On January 10th a very pleasant reception was given at the Royal Infirmary in their honour by the Nurses' League, when Miss Moe was elected Vice-President of the League, which emphasised the fact of the bond of union between nurses all the world over through their work in common, and Miss Osztoics, replying on behalf of herself and her colleagues, spoke warmly of the kindness and friendship they had received.

### THE TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA.

The *Nursing Journal of India* for January is a specially good number, and, speaking editorially, we have to thank it for the following most kind expression of opinion. We have always greatly valued the honour of honorary membership of the Trained Nurses' Association of India bestowed upon us by our colleagues in that wonderful Empire:—

The Editor writes:—

It must have been with deepest regret that readers of "The British Journal of Nursing" learned that the Directors of the Nursing Press, Ltd., have decided that in future the journal will only appear monthly. English nurses all over the world owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and to Miss Margaret Breay (the Honorary Editor and Assistant Editor), who, for thirty years and more, have worked so unselfishly and earnestly for the uplift of the nursing profession, and to whose untiring efforts we owe it that we are now a profession, recognised, and about to be organised, by the State.

"The British Journal of Nursing" is the only English nursing paper which is entirely managed and staffed by women who have been trained as nurses and who understand and can (in many cases very eloquently) voice the needs and aspirations of the profession. All British nurses should, therefore, from an *esprit de corps*, become subscribers to their own professional organ, and forward its interests by every means in their power.

Fortunately, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick is still to continue her labour of love for the profession.

In the past we have not wanted for clever, well-educated and eloquent women to devote themselves to our interests, and for the future we must pray that others, as talented and dis-interested will be forthcoming as the need for them arises.

The subscription to "The British Journal of Nursing" will, in future, be seven shillings per annum, and nurses who are not already subscribing to the paper should lose no time about doing so.

The Annual Conference of the Trained Nurses' Association of India is summoned to meet at Madras from February 13th to 16th, and will discuss an instructive Programme.

The trained nurses of India are not receiving the encouragement and support which is their due from the Government, in a comprehensive scheme for State Registration. We want reciprocity of registration with our colleagues in India as soon as possible, but things move slowly in the East. That, however, is no reason for "taking it lying down." We advise strenuous agitation. Make a fuss and keep it up.

### GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The forty-third meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, January 18th, at the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W.1, at 2.30 p.m. SIR WILMOT P. HERRINGHAM, K.C.M.G., C.B., Chairman of the Council, presided until the minutes had been confirmed, when, on the motion of DR. GOODALL, Sir Jenner Verrall took the chair.

#### Appointment of Chairman.

SIR JENNER VERRALL called upon the Registrar to state what nominations had been received for the office of chairman. Miss RIDDELL thereupon stated that Sir Wilmot Herringham was the only member of the Council who had been nominated for the position, and that his appointment had been moved by MISS COX-DAVIES and seconded by MISS MUSSON.

SIR JENNER VERRALL thereupon said that being so he had much pleasure in declaring that SIR WILMOT HERRINGHAM was appointed to the chair.

It was not stated when or why SIR WILMOT HERRINGHAM'S appointment was moved and seconded, nor was the appointment put to the meeting or any other names asked for. The Rule governing the appointment of the Chairman of the Council states:—

"At the first ordinary meeting in the month of January in each year the Council shall appoint a Chairman, who shall hold office until the first Ordinary Meeting in the month of January of the following year, and shall go out of office as soon as the new Chairman has been appointed at the meeting."

Thus, no provision is made for previous nominations or for any proposer and seconder other than at the January meeting of the Council, and the method of appointment adopted appears highly irregular.

We commend to the General Nursing Council the method adopted by the Central Midwives' Board, when the election of Chairman, which is by ballot, takes place. The Chairman having vacated the Chair, which is temporarily taken by another member, each member of the Board places a folded slip bearing the name of the member he or she wishes to be elected in a receptacle passed round for the purpose. The votes are then counted and reported to the Board and the member who has received the greatest number of votes is declared elected.

If nominations are to be sent in to the General Nursing Council beforehand, and scrutinized by the Chairman and Registrar, the position of any member desiring to make another nomination is most invidious.

#### Correspondence.

The next item on the Agenda was a letter from the Guardians of the Poor in the Parish of Lambeth, suggesting that it should be "one of the conditions to the registration of a nurse that she is able to produce evidence that she has a knowledge of the use of ward fire appliances, and the method to be adopted to remove bedridden patients expeditiously from a room or ward in which an outbreak of fire occurs.

"The Guardians trust that the Council will give this matter their earnest consideration, and they will be glad to learn in due course that it is proposed to impose the condition mentioned."

The CHAIRMAN said that coming from a public body he thought it proper to print the letter on the Agenda, but he proposed, and it was agreed, that it should be referred to the Education Committee.

We hope a similar courtesy will, in the future, be extended to organised bodies of self-governing nurses—the Royal Corporation, for example—when they write to the Council.

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