

was quite up to European standard, and we have to thank Miss Cora Simpson, R.N., General Secretary, for information concerning it.

On January 31st there were addresses of welcome, music and speeches, and a reception in the Kung Yee Medical College.

At the opening of the Conference the Address was given by the Ven. Archdeacon E. J. Barnett, M.A., after which guests were introduced and a business session held, at which Conference committees were appointed. Devotional services were held daily, and the following Papers, amongst others, were read and discussed:—

"How Can the N.A.C. best meet the needs of the Chinese Nurses?" by Nurse Wang; "How can the Nursing Schools best develop Christian character and ideals of service in student nurses?" "Kitchens and Laundries," by Miss Shackleton; "What Post-Graduate Courses can we offer our N.A.C. Graduates?" presented by Miss Logan, Miss Gage, Miss Warner and others; "Shall we have an N.A.C. Home and a full-time Nurse Translator?" "How to introduce the Gospel to our Patients," by Miss Chang Hu Shih; The Family Prayer Programme met every night: "God is with us," Miss Gregg; "In the beginning was God," Miss Simpson; "He led them on safely," Miss Gage; "The God is with thee," Miss Dexter; "Rejoice before thy God," Miss Love; "With God all things are possible," Miss Stephenson.

Excursions and social gatherings included visits to the David Gregg Hospital, Canton Christian College Hospital for the Insane, Canton Hospital, and the large Chinese Hospital.

The Nurses' Association of China has been affiliated to the International Council of Nurses since the last Triennial Meeting. At Helsingfors we shall hope for a report of the wonderful progress nursing is making in China.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR IRELAND.

The first meeting of the Council elected and appointed under the General Nursing Order, 1923, was held on Friday, February 22nd, at 33, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

Sir Edward Coey Bigger, M.D., D.P.H., was unanimously elected chairman. The other members of the Council present were:—Dr. Meenan, Dr. Blayney, Dr. Whitla, Dr. MacBride, J. J. Harding, Esq., R.M.N., Miss A. Halbert, R.G.N., Miss M. O'Flynn, R.G.N., Miss M. Walsh, R.G.N., Miss A. Smithson, R.G.N., Mrs. May Lanigan O'Keefe, R.G.N., Miss M. Doyle, R.G.N., Miss S. Phelan, R.G.N., Miss C. S. Willis, R.M.N.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Dr. P. T. O'Sullivan.

Mr. W. O'B. Reidy (Registrar) was in attendance.

The Council appointed Committees for General Purposes, Rules, Registration, Finance, Hospitals, and Uniform, and Badge.

The Council decided to hold a special Examination on April 9th next for Existing Nurses (*i.e.*, those eligible for Registration before November 1st, 1919).

The Registrar reported that the total number of nurses now registered was 3,331.

A vote of thanks to the former Council was proposed by Miss Halbert, seconded by Miss Phelan, and passed unanimously.

The Syllabus of training for General and Mental Nurses was discussed, and it was agreed that the Rules Committee should report on both.

The Bon Secours Hospital, Cork, was placed on the Council's list of approved training Schools.

After the transaction of much routine business the Council adjourned.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The forty-fourth meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, February 15th, at the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W. Sir Wilmot P. Herringham, K.C.M.G., C.B., Chairman of the Council, presiding.

Correspondence.

The Minutes having been read and confirmed, the correspondence was received. This included:—

(1) Letter from the Ministry of Health dated January 23rd, 1924, enclosing amendments to the Preface to the Syllabus of Subjects for Examination for the Certificate of General Nursing signed by the Minister.

The Chairman also reported that the signed Syllabus of Subjects for Examination for the Certificate of the Nursing of Sick Children has since been received.

(2) Letter from the Hon. Secretary, Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, dated February 1st, 1924, enclosing copy of the following Resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, held at the Royal British Nurses' Club on January 19th, 1924:—

"That the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland strongly resents the action of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales in empowering the Medico-Psychological Association, which has no statutory authority under the Nurses' Registration Act, to nominate the examiners for the final examination of mental nurses.

"In the opinion of the Matrons' Council this responsibility, carrying with it the power of control of the admission of mental nurses to the State Register, was entrusted by Parliament to the General Nursing Council, which, alone, should discharge this duty.

"The Matrons' Council, therefore, desires to enter a strong protest against this action of the General Nursing Council, and invites it to rescind this decision, so that the power of nomination may be reserved to the Registered Nurses and others on the General Nursing Council, which Parliament has constituted the governing body of the nursing profession."

(3) Letter from the Ministry of Health, dated February 6th, 1924:—

DEAR SIR WILMOT HERRINGHAM,—

The attention of the Minister of Health has been drawn to the letter from Miss Maud Wiese, published in the *National Asylum Workers' Magazine* for January, 1924, and containing particulars about certain correspondence which he understands became known to her as a member of the Mental Committee of the Council but has never been before the full Council or been published in any way.

The Minister is extremely anxious that the very difficult and delicate work entrusted to the General Nursing Council should be attended by complete success. The publication for controversial purposes by a single member of the Council of information which comes to her knowledge in this way appears to the Minister to be a plain breach of well understood rules of conduct relating to public bodies which are none the less binding because they may be unwritten; and he can conceive of nothing more likely to jeopardise the success of the General Nursing Council.

Speaking as a friend and well-wisher to the Council, the Minister authorises me to bring the case to your notice and to express the strong hope that all members will unite in avoiding the recurrence of such an incident.

(Signed) W. ARTHUR ROBINSON.

MISS WIESE inquired whether the attention of the Minister of Health had been drawn to the article in the *Nursing Mirror* by Miss Seymour Yapp, dealing with the same question, and to a letter in the *Nursing Times* signed by Mr. Donaldson as Chairman of the Finance Committee, although his election by that Committee had not been reported to the Council, or confirmed by it?

THE CHAIRMAN said he had not yet seen them.

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