

## NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

A Meeting of the Grand Council of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland will be held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1., on Saturday, November 14th, at 3 p.m. Important business will be before the Council for consideration, in connection with that transacted at the meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Helsingfors.

In the meantime should any of the affiliated Societies desire to submit notices of motion, they should reach Miss H. L. Pearse, Hon. Secretary, at the office, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1., by Saturday, October 31st.

We hope that Presidents and Official Delegates of Affiliated Societies will make a note of the date, November 14th, and make a point of attending the meeting.

### REGISTERED NURSES' PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

Members of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council are asked to note that a meeting of the Council will be held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1., on Friday, October 23rd at 4 p.m., when the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, together with the proceedings of the Committee, and the Minutes of Evidence, will be before the Meeting, and Resolutions in connection therewith will be submitted for consideration.

### THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

Dame Sarah Ann Swift, G.B.E., R.R.C. has been elected President of the College of Nursing, Ltd. in succession to Dame Sidney Browne, R.R.C. Dame Swift was trained for three years, and certificated at the Royal Infirmary, Dundee (1877-1880), and after holding various appointments entered Guy's Hospital, London, in 1890 as a Lady Pupil and received a certificate of one year's training. She held successively the positions of Assistant Matron, Lady Superintendent Guy's Trained Nurses' Institution, and Matron of Guy's Hospital, and was Matron-in-Chief of the Trained Nurses' Department, British Red Cross Society, 1915-1922. She is a Lady of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

### NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

A Day of Prayer and Meditation conducted by the Rev. M. H. Richmond, M.A., and the Valedictory Meeting of the Nurses' Missionary League to wish God-speed to 26 members sailing to the Mission field this year for the first time, and to others returning to their stations after furlough, will be held at University Hall (Dr. Williams' Library) Gordon Square, W.C.1., on Thursday, October 8th. Morning Session 10.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Afternoon Session 3 to 4.30 p.m. Evening Session (Valedictory Meeting) 6.30 to 9.30 p.m. Sailing members will speak for five minutes each. All members of the Nursing Profession are cordially invited to be present, and are asked to notify their intention to be so to Miss Richardson, 135, Ebury Street, S.W.1., also if they desire lunch, which is being arranged at Ranyard House, 25, Russell Square, at 1s. 6d.

We have received a charming article by H. H. on "The Romances of Louise Jordan Miln," well known as the writer of "Mr. Wu," "In a Shantung Garden," and other delightful stories.

We regretfully hold over the article, in order to give as much space as possible to Finland before beginning on China.

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Sixty-first Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on September 18th, at 20, Portland Place, W. 1, SIR WILMOT P. HERRINGHAM, K.C.M.G. (Chairman of the Council), presiding.

### Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read, and confirmed.

### Correspondence.

Amongst the letters from members of the Council expressing their regret at their inability to attend, was one from Sir Jenner Verrall. The Chairman announced that Sir Jenner had been very seriously ill, but was slowly getting better. He thought the Council would like to send him a vote of sympathy, and to express its pleasure that he was progressing to convalescence. This was moved by Miss Cox Davies and carried unanimously.

### Report of the Finance Committee.

MR. R. DONALDSON (Chairman) moved that the Report of the Finance Committee be received.

MISS WIESE protested against the fees paid for examination, as from the last examination she calculated that they were considerably in excess of the expenses, even if the salaries of the Examination Staff and the Stationery used were included. She thought the whole question of fees should be reconsidered.

MISS MUSSON said that the expense of registering the candidates examined must be taken into account.

MR. DONALDSON pointed out that the whole expenses of the Council would have to come out of the Examination Fees.

Bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £25 for Insurance Stamps, and £10 for Petty Cash allowed.

The Committee raised no objection to Recommendation 12 of the Education and Examination Committee.

This was:—

"That the minimum fee for Examiners in the Oral and Practical Part of the Preliminary Examination be £3 10s. if the Examiner is occupied for the whole day, and £1 15s. if she be occupied for half a day, and that in the case of the written scripts, where the number of scripts is less than 50 the charge should be half of that for the 100."

"The Chairman of Council and the Chairman of the Finance Committee were authorised to invest the sum of £8,000, in consultation with the Council's Bankers."

### Report of the Registration Committee.

MISS E. M. MUSSON, Chairman of the Registration Committee, moved that the Report be received.

MISS WIESE raised the question of a Mental Nurse at Claybury who was refused Registration. She thought that so long as the date on the application form was before July, 1925, that the application was in order, but the applicant was informed, by resolution of the Registration Committee that no application could be accepted which had not been made before July 1st. Had the members of the Registration Committee power to pass a Resolution of which the Council was not aware?

MISS MUSSON said that the Registrar asked for a ruling on this point, and the ruling of the Committee was that unless application had been made at the office before July 1st the application was not in order. The same Rule applied as to that applying to existing nurses.

### The Election of Direct Representatives.

The Committee reported that it had considered the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons. The Select Committee recommend that the eleven places

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