

at Headquarters, but when, owing to distance, this is impossible, we can often arrange to send "a day's work" to Members living in the country.

GATHERING AT THE SCOTTISH NURSES' CLUB.

The Secretary of the Association was "At Home" to the Members of the Association and friends in Scotland on Saturday, August 21st, from 4 to 6 p.m. Owing to the holidays many were prevented from being present, but we had a delightful gathering and it was a great pleasure to meet old friends again and to make new ones. Particularly were we delighted to meet several with whom we have often been in correspondence, but have not hitherto met personally. Unfortunately, Miss Stewart, Secretary of the Club, was away, but the officials responsible in her absence, provided us with a most delicious tea, with all those dainty cakes and delightful things that Scotland can always be relied upon to produce at tea-time.

After a chat Mrs. Strong, at the request of some of those who were present, asked Miss Macdonald whether she would tell them a little about the British College of Nurses and about the progress of nursing organisation generally in England. Miss Macdonald thereupon gave some indication of the lines upon which the College would be run and its probable activities. Mrs. Strong, who had received an enthusiastic welcome from all those present, when she arrived from Edinburgh, thanked Miss Macdonald; and, in relation to a reference, made by the latter, to her (Mrs. Strong's) pioneer work in the education of nurses and her influence on this, said that she had started the preliminary school in connection with the Royal Infirmary in Glasgow because she felt it to be essential to a sound education in nursing. She had great aspirations for the new College, and she intended to give it her whole-hearted support. A long discussion followed, and we parted with mutual expressions of pleasure at having met, and hopes that we might do so again before so very long. It was interesting that, among those present, were nurses from some of the Dominions and from America.

WEDDING.

On Saturday, August 21st, Miss Grace Lewis, M.R.B.N.A., was married to A. E. Hooper, Esq., at Cardiff. Miss Lewis has been a Member of the Club for some years, and her popularity there brought her many congratulations and good wishes on her wedding. Among the telegrams, received just after the ceremony, was one from H.R.H. the Princess Arthur of Connaught, conveying the good wishes of the Association to Mr. and Mrs. Hooper. Miss Knowles, another Member of the Club and of the Association, acted as bridesmaid. We are glad to hear that Mr. Hooper is anxious that his wife should continue her connection with the Association, and we hope to see them both at Headquarters frequently, as we hear that their home is to be in London.

DONATIONS.

Settlement Fund.—Miss C. Clarke, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Wates, Miss Mothersill, 2s.; Mrs. Welch, 1s.

House Beautiful Fund.—Miss Isabel Macdonald, £7; Miss Swaby Smith, £2 5s.; Miss A. Jordan, £2; R.B.N.A. Club Members Collection, £1 16s. 6d.; Mrs. Smith, Miss Margaret Kennedy, £1 1s.; Miss G. Anderson, 10s. 6d.; Misses Cattell, Carson-Rae, Dr. Louis Parkes, 10s.; Miss J. H. Stewart, 7s. 6d.; Miss Machin, 7s.; Miss Mona Ker, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Pickett and Daughter, Miss McGibbon, 2s.; Mrs. Welch, 1s.

ISABEL MACDONALD,
Secretary to the Corporation.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

POINTS TO NOTE AND REMEMBER:

PUBLICITY THE BEST POLICY.

At the meeting on July 16th of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, the question of the number of the permanent staff required, the designation of each, and the salaries to be paid were taken *in camera*, the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee being: (1) "That the permanent staff and Salary Sheet (appended) be submitted to the Minister of Health for approval"; and (2) "That in the event of the approval of suggested scale by the Minister of Health, the recommendation for adjustment of salaries now submitted be approved."

Why this secrecy? In the past the amount of salary paid to each official was plainly stated at the Council meeting, as it should be, and the emoluments of the higher officials were on a sufficiently generous scale. It must not be forgotten that Registered Nurses pay the entire cost of maintaining the Nurses' Registration Acts for the public benefit as well as their own. Not one penny is derived from the Treasury. The Registered Nurses have a right therefore to know what salaries are being paid to their officials, and how the £30,000 a year they are called upon to find is being expended by the General Nursing Council.

Mr. R. W. Donaldson is Chairman of the Finance Committee, and the sooner he reverts to the system in practice in the past of reporting what each official costs in salary, &c., the better. We call for a clear statement in this connection. If the suggested salaries are just there is no reason for taking them *in camera*. We hope the Minister of Health will discourage secrecy concerning the Council's finance. Its huge expenditure in our opinion requires drastic reduction.

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

There has been forwarded this week to the Headquarters of the International Council of Nurses, 1, Place du Lac, Geneva, the most interesting file of professional Journals which, by the kindness of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and the Registered Nurses' Society (a constituent society of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain), has been accommodated and cared for at 431, Oxford Street, London. By the foresight of the Founder and Foundation Members, these volumes, many of which are now unobtainable, form the nucleus of a very valuable library. They include the whole file from 1888 to the present time of the *Nursing Record*, now the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, which have been bound each year, and presented by the late Miss M. N. Cureton, bound volumes of the *American Journal of Nursing* (1900-1913), presented by Miss L. L. Dock, who also presented an inscribed copy of the four volumes of "A History of Nursing," and other interesting books, the German edition of the two first volumes of "A History of Nursing," 10 volumes of the *Canadian Nurse*, 13 volumes of *Nosohomos*, the three first volumes of *Epione*, six volumes of *Unterm Lazarus Kreuz*, seven volumes of *Tidsskrift*, two volumes of *La Garde Malade Hospitalière*, four volumes of *Kai Tiaki*, seven volumes of *Una*, bound copies of the Transactions and Reports of the International Council of Nurses, and other interesting books and pamphlets.

SOUTH AFRICAN TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The *South African Nursing Record* for July contains a full and admirable report of the proceedings of the 10th Annual Meeting of the South African Trained Nurses'

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