

## NURSES' ORGANIZATIONS.

### THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The Annual Meeting of the Matrons' Council will be held at the Club of the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., on March 5th, at 3 p.m. when Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will speak on "The Progress of the British College of Nurses."

### THE IRISH NURSES' UNION.

The Irish Nurses' Union, 29, South Anne Street, Dublin, is organising a Dance to take place in the Engineers' Hall, Dawson Street, Dublin, on Friday, February 11th, from 8 to 11.30 p.m. Mr. Brady's band has been engaged, and everything is being done to make the evening a success.

Nurses should make a note of the date, and acquaint their friends. Tickets may be obtained from Miss Price, Secretary, Irish Nurses' Union, 29, South Anne Street. The price (5s.) includes refreshments, so that a very enjoyable evening may be spent at a small cost.

### THE TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA.

The first Editor of the *Nursing Journal of India*, which was launched at the Annual Conference held in Agra in December 1909, was Mrs. Klosz, who for five years devoted her energies and abilities to the work. On her retirement, Mrs. Barr took over the responsibilities, and during the early years of the War kept the Journal going. From 1919 to 1923 it was published irregularly as the after effect of the War and that it did not cease altogether was due, we are told, to the efforts of Mrs. Chesney.

## NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

A Week End Conference has been arranged in connection with the Nurses' Missionary League to be held on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, February 19th—21st, by kind permission, at the China Inland Mission House, Newington Green, N. The subject chosen for consideration is "Christ our Example," and this will be discussed from the standpoint of Christ our Example (1) In the devotional life. (2) In the World Outlook. (3) In the life of Service. (4) In the life of Prayer.

There will also be Discussions upon "How the League seeks to help Nurses," and "How Nurses can help the League," opened by Miss A. O. Shaw.

It is hoped that all nurses who can do so will arrange to come for the week end. Others will be heartily welcome for the whole day or at any of the meetings. The charge for board and lodging will be 5s. daily for those who are able to stay. Those attending for the day only can have meals at a small cost. Further information can be obtained from Miss H. Y. Richardson, 135, Ebury Street, S.W.1., who asks that those who proposed to stay for one or two nights will write to her as soon as possible.

## TRUE TALES WITH A MORAL.

The colleagues of a Private Nurse wondered how it was that this member of the staff invariably returned from cases laden with gifts. One day in an expansive mood she satisfied their curiosity.

"I always manage to have a birthday at each of my cases," she confessed!

A private nurse had recently a somewhat unique experience we should hope. Seated as usual with her patient's family at *table d'hôte*, the physician, an invited guest, refused to be seated at the same table as the nurse! and a place was provided for her at another table. The question is did she do right to suffer this public humiliation without protest?

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on January 21st, 1927, at 20, Portland Place, London, W. In the absence of the CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL (MISS E. M. MUSSON) the VICE-CHAIRMAN, SIR WILMOT HERRINGHAM, was in the Chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been taken as read and confirmed, the CHAIRMAN mentioned that it was notified that MISS MUSSON, MISS BUSHBY, MISS COWLIN, and MISS VILLIERS had been nominated as the Delegates of the Council to the Conference convened by the Labour Party to consider its Draft Report on the Nursing Profession at the Caxton Hall on January 28th.

MISS MUSSON would not be in England and he proposed that the Registrar should be appointed in her place. This was agreed.

### Election of Chairman.

The Chairman reported that every member of the Council but one had nominated MISS MUSSON for the position of Chairman for the ensuing year, and the second nominee did not wish to stand. The only nomination before the meeting therefore was that of Miss Musson, and she was unanimously elected.

### Election of Vice-Chairman.

The same report was made as to the Election of Vice-Chairman, and the same procedure followed.

### Congratulations to Sir Joseph Priestley

On the Motion of the Chairman it was agreed to send the congratulations of the Council to Sir Joseph Priestley, the first Chairman of the Council, on the inclusion of his name in the New Year's Honours List.

### Correspondence.

In connection with a letter which had been circulated to the Members of the Council (from the Council of the British College of Nurses) SIR JENNER VERRALL moved that it lie upon the table.

The letter, which was not read, was as follows:—

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

431, Oxford Street,  
London, W.1.

January 15th, 1927.

MADAM,—I am instructed to acknowledge your letter of December 17th, 1926, forwarding a copy of a Resolution passed by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales at its meeting that day, which was read at the meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses on December 18th.

Members of the Council present strongly objected to being classed with a thief in the Register of Nurses published under the authority of the General Nursing Council, and as the Resolution contained no reply to the question to which the Council of the British College of Nurses invited an answer, *i.e.*, what steps the General Nursing Council intends to take to remove the name of Elizabeth Shand (No. 39,279) from that Register, I was directed to draw the attention of the General Nursing Council to this fact, and to ask for a reply.

The Council, further, took strong exception to the principle of privacy pursued by the General Nursing Council, and maintained the right of publicity in connection with penal cases—as established by precedent by the General Medical Council and the Central Midwives Board—in the interest both of the public and of the accused nurse.

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