

who was disturbing the public peace. These bands parade the city, from time to time. The police are said to be very corrupt, so it can easily be imagined what that may lead to. We have not heard a good word for the present régime, even among the more reactionary type of Chinese women.

"We have been seeing something of this wonderful and beautiful city which is more lovely even than Vienna. There is a perfection and delicacy about things that is extraordinarily satisfying, and of course for colour the golden glazed tile roofs, or black or green of the buildings, and the grey lichen-coloured roofs of the small houses with here and there green edges and turned-up corners are simply wonderful. It must be lovely in the spring, because all the courtyards are full of trees, whose bare branches now make a sort of misty effect when one looks over the city from a high place."

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

A meeting of the Matrons' Council was held by the kind invitation of Miss M. S. Bryson, Matron, at the Northern Hospital (Metropolitan Asylums Board), Winchmore Hill, N., on Saturday, June 2nd. The President, Miss H. L. Pearse, F.B.C.N., presided.

It was unanimously agreed to send a message of congratulation to Miss Margaret Huxley, on the recognition of her work for the promotion of Scientific Nursing by the University of Dublin, by conferring upon her the Hon. Degree of Master of Arts.

It was also agreed to send messages of sympathy on their illness to Miss M. Heather-Bigg, R.R.C., for many years President of the Council, Miss L. Ramsden, and Miss M. Lloyd.

Applications for Membership were then considered and the applicants elected.

The death in Chile of Miss W. J. Mollett, one of the earliest Members of the Council, and at one time a Vice-President and Hon. Secretary, was reported. The Members present learnt of this with great regret, and the Hon. Secretary was asked to send a letter of sympathy to her sister, Miss Lina Mollett, with whom she was living at the time of her death.

The President reported that she had attended the Centenary Celebration in honour of Nurse Josephine Butler, at the Central Hall, Westminster, on April 24th, when Lord Balfour of Burleigh presided. It was a great meeting, characterised by an intensity of feeling.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick referred to Mrs. Butler's wonderful personality and said that in her fight for the repeal of the Contagious Diseases Acts she had to endure malignant persecution. She lived through it, inspired by spiritual force, to see her cause victorious, and the Acts repealed. She thought the speech of the evening at the Central Hall meeting was that of Sir Michael Sadler. Although the Contagious Diseases Acts had been repealed there was still work to be done for the cause Mrs. Butler had so greatly at heart, for a highly organised and profitable international traffic in women and children was still going on. It was satisfactory that the question, after investigation, had been taken up by the League of Nations.

It was proposed to submit the name of Miss S. A. Villiers, Hon. Treasurer of the Council, as a representative of the Affiliated Societies on the Executive Committee of the National Council of Women, and Miss Villiers, who was present, agreed to act if elected.

Reference was made to the International Congress of Nurses in Montreal, in July of next year, and it was agreed that Britain ought to be there in force.

It was reported that on the Departmental Committee appointed by the Minister of Health to consider the working of the Midwives Acts, 1902-1926, with particular reference

to the training of Midwives, and the conditions under which Midwives are employed, no Registered Nurse had been placed.

It was agreed to welcome the appointment of the Committee, but to express strongly the opinion of the Council that a Registered Nurse should have a seat upon it, as Nursing is now a Statutory Profession, and many Registered Nurses are also Certified Midwives.

A Sub-Committee was appointed to deal with the Resolutions, to be selected for support at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women in York in October, composed of the Hon. Officers, Miss Bickerton and Miss Farrant.

Miss H. L. Pearse and Miss N. Farrant were deputed to act as the delegates of the Council at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women at York in October.

Surprise was expressed by a member that lay members of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales had been deputed as its representatives at Examinations conducted by that Council, and the Matrons' Council showed its disapproval of such a practice by passing a Resolution of protest.

At the conclusion of the meeting a delightful tea was much enjoyed, and subsequently a tour was made of the grounds.

Some time was spent with the children suffering from Post-Encephalitis Lethargica, to which terrible disease reference is made on page 177.

As the visit of the Matrons' Council was on a Saturday afternoon they were not at work on their handicrafts—making trays, basket work, leather work, etc., but in spite of their illnesses, much enjoyed, apparently, exercises and community singing, and the interest shown in them by the visitors.

REUNION AT SOUTHWARK HOSPITAL.

On July 7th a Garden Party, Re-union, and Presentation of Medals will take place at Southwark Hospital, East Dulwich Grove, S.E.22. Tea—4 to 5.30 p.m.

The Medical Superintendent and Matron will be delighted to welcome any past members of the Staff.

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Members of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League were delighted to see Miss Rogers presiding at its 25th Birthday meeting. Upwards of 40 members attended including, amongst others, Miss Vincent, R.R.C., Miss H. Ellis, Miss Pell Smith, Miss Sherlock, Miss Braye.

The following resolution was proposed by Miss Rogers and seconded by Miss Sherlock: "Should a Matron be appointed who does not hold the Certificate of the Leicester Royal Infirmary, she should be a Vice-President of the League should the office of President not be vacant."

The new League Banner was much admired, and it was decided to defray the balance of its cost from the General Fund. To mark the 25th Birthday of the League a sum of £25 was voted as a gift to the Building Fund of the Royal Infirmary and a cheque for that amount was handed to the Treasurer, Mr. Fielding Johnson, who with Mr. Pichard (Chairman), and Mr. H. Johnson (Secretary and House Governor), attended the latter part of the meeting. Mrs. Moss and the Misses Burtage, Hart, Marriott, Owen, Bagshaw, Bush and Hill were elected to fill vacancies on the Council.

BRADFORD ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League was held at the Royal Infirmary on Saturday, June 2nd.

There was a good attendance of members.

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