

never be left for a moment without a nurse, more especially where there are children. Further, no type of cot should be allowed in hospitals in which such an accident is possible. The sides should be so protected that a child cannot put its head through the bars.

We congratulate Miss Marian Veale, a nurse at the Yarrow Convalescent Home, Broadstairs, on having been awarded a testimonial by the Royal Humane Society for rescuing a London visitor from drowning.

Miss H. Teacher, a retired nurse, of Blair Hill Head, Fareham, Hampshire, was one of the fortunate winners of a *Daily Mail* free car prize in the Motor Show Competition, and is now the happy possessor of a 7-h.p. Jowett Saloon, valued at £125. She writes: "I think it is splendid of the *Daily Mail* to have offered these cars as prizes to its readers. I have never owned a car before, and this one will be a source of great pleasure to me."

Mme. Vallot, a famous figure in the Franco-German War of 1870, when she spent her time in tending the wounded French soldiers and in cooking food for the troops, has just died at St. Germain du Bois. Her husband was shot at her side during the siege of Belfort in 1871.

ARMY NURSING SERVICES.

PROMOTION AND INCREASE OF PAY.

We are officially asked to publish the following announcement: An amendment of the Pay Warrant states that promotion to the rank of matron to complete an establishment will be made by selection from sisters who have passed such professional examination for that rank as may be fixed from time to time, provided that in the opinion of the Army Council they are fully qualified to perform the duties of the higher rank. Promotion to the rank of principal matron to complete an establishment will be made by selection from matrons; and a matron-in-chief will be appointed by selection from the principal matrons.

Further amendments provide that the following service shall reckon towards increase of pay given for length of service:—

(a) Full pay service in Q.A.I.M.N.S., late Army Nursing Service, the late Queen Alexandra's Military Families Nursing Service, the late permanent nursing establishment of the Military Families and Military Isolation Hospitals; the Queen Mary's Royal Naval Nursing Service; and Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service.

(b) Service on full pay from Indian funds in the Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India.

(c) Employment on full pay whilst a member of the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (Reserve); the late Army Nursing Service (Reserve), or the Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India (Temporary).

(d) Embodied service on full pay with the Territorial Army (including Territorial Force) Nursing Service. Service on full pay with these Services when not embodied will not count.

(e) Any period not exceeding one year during which a member of the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service may have been on half-pay on account of ill-health attributable to military service.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

The twenty-sixth Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, October 27th, at 2 p.m. In the absence of the President (Mrs. Bedford Fenwick) through illness, the chair was taken by Miss M. Brey, Vice-President, and the following Members of the Council were present: Miss S. A. Villiers, Vice-President; Miss M. G. Allbutt, Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss D. K. Graham, Miss I. Macdonald, Fellows; and Miss E. J. Haswell and Miss K. Latham, R.R.C., Members.

Prayers having been read by the Secretary, Miss G. R. Hale, R.R.C., the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Council expressed their deep concern and regret that the absence of the President was due to her continued illness since her return from Rome, and desired that a message should be sent to her in their name expressing the earnest hope that her health would soon be restored, and that she would again be amongst them once more.

Business Arising Out of the Minutes.

It was reported that a lecture on the Equal Franchise Act would be given by Mrs. Blanco-White on November 20th, at 6.30 p.m., also two lectures on Venereal Disease by Mrs. Rorke, M.D., on November 29th and December 6th, at 7.30 p.m.

Three lectures on Encephalitis Lethargica would be given by Dr. Worster Drought. The dates of these have been fixed for Mondays, November 19th and 26th, and December 3rd.

Correspondence.

The following letters were considered:

1. A letter from a Fellow of the College asking for benevolent help.

2. Letters of withdrawal of applications for grants in connection with the International Congress of Nurses at Montreal in July, 1929.

3. Letters of application for grants offered by the Council of the British College of Nurses to assist the applicants to attend the International Congress of Nurses at Montreal in July, 1929. These were referred to the Education Committee for consideration and report.

4. Thanks for Diplomas:

Miss Nina St. Clair Wright, Glasgow: "I beg to acknowledge receipt of Diploma, and I am delighted with it. The design is beautiful, even more so than I expected from description of it given to me. On looking at it I felt that my name in centre, printed so beautifully, was indeed honoured to be surrounded by names so well known and honoured in our profession."

Miss M. Little, Hull: "With the greatest pleasure I acknowledge the receipt of my Diploma for Membership of the College of Nurses, and am proud to belong to a body of women who have the high ideals of our profession at heart, and have given so much of their valued time to help us."

Miss Mary Stacey, Sefton Park, South Australia: "Thanks so much for the beautiful Diploma which

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