

A Memorandum of Suggestions and Criticisms of the Programme, as invited by the Programme Committee, has also been sent to Miss Gunn, and to Miss C. Reimann, the Secretary, at Headquarters.

The special thanks of Members of the National Council of Nurses who attended the International Congress on Tuberculosis at Rome are due to H.R.H. the Duchess of Aosta, Donna Maria Maraini Guerrière Gonzaga—who with Miss Dorothy Snell, the Matron, entertained seven of their number at the Scuola Convitto Regina Elena, and also invited them to tea in the charming garden of her villa—to the Marchesa di Targiani Giunti, President of the Committee of the Nurses Re-union, and Miss Itta Frascara, Hon. Secretary, to the Duchessa Cito di Correcuso, Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen, and other of the Queen's ladies to all of whom we are indebted for the greatest kindness and courtesy.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

A meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland will be held at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on Saturday, November 17th, at 3 p.m.

Miss Bickerton, R.R.C., will give a report on the National Council of Women's Conference held at York.

Miss Allbutt, F.B.C.N., will give some impressions of her visit to Rome.

THE SCOTTISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Scottish Nurses' Association was held on October 27th at the Scottish Nurses' Club, 203, Bath Street, Glasgow, at 3 p.m., and attended by some 60 or 70 members.

The President, Mrs. Strong, gave some interesting reminiscences covering a period of forty years, when the battle for State Registration of Nurses was raging, "you could call it nothing else," led by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, who was backed in those early days by the Royal British Nurses' Association.

The Scottish Nurses' Association was formed at a time when there were no Hospital Leagues, and great interest was taken in its formation by Sir William Macewen, Dr. Macgregor Robertson (two good friends they had now lost, and to whom they owed much), Dr. James Devon of prison reform renown, and Mr. Stark Brown, whose legal guidance was freely given with the result that the Constitution was thorough and far seeing.

The Scottish Nurses who are to-day benefiting from those labours might come forward and help to carry on the work so well begun, by joining and upholding the Association which did such good work for them. After State Registration was gained interest in the Association waned, which was natural, but of late years it had proved itself worthy of support, by the active part taken in a question before Parliament concerning the interests of nurses, for which they had to thank Dr. John Patrick. She hoped he would ever be ready to help when required.

The Constitution of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain demanded self-government from those Associations wishing to join the Council. She put the proposed amendments to the Meeting to ascertain their minds on the matter, and would be glad to answer any questions to the best of her ability.

The proposed changes in the Constitution were carried unanimously.

Miss Ritchie Thomson, R.R.C., F.B.C.N., gave a most interesting and amusing *résumé* of her visit to Rome as a representative of the British College of Nurses, and in regard to a visit to the Colosseum by moonlight said she felt sure that "old Nero was at her tail and the shadows of the wild beasts flitting to and fro."

Tea was served, and much enjoyed, after the meeting.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The ninety-fifth meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, October 19th, at 20, Portland Place, London, W. Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., Chairman of the Council, presided.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Bills and Claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £100 for stamps, and £15 for Insurance Stamps were allowed.

The Committee raised no objection to Recommendations 11 and 12 of the General Purposes Committee, which were:

(11) "That the following Equipment be purchased for the Examinations Department:—3 Foolscap Steel Filing Cabinets, at £7 5s. 6d. each. Card Index Cabinet, 12 drawers, 6 in. by 4½ in., £5 17s. 6d."

(12) "That the estimate of Messrs. B. Colley & Sons, Ltd., amounting to £4 5s., for supplying and fixing wrought iron bar across bottom of main entrance door, be accepted."

Miss Cox Davies, Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, explained that since the last meeting of the Council an attempt had been made to pick the lock of the front door, and the best method of dealing with the situation appeared to be by fixing an iron bar.

The Chairman of the Council, and the Chairman of the Finance Committee were authorised to invest the sum of £3,000 after consultation with the Council's Bankers.

Registration.

The Registration Committee recommended that Duplicate Certificates of Registration should be issued to three Registered Nurses, as the Certificates issued to them had been lost, on payment by them of a fee of 10s.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee it was agreed that Silver Badges (marked duplicate) the loss of which was reported a year ago, should be issued to twenty-one applicants.

Eleven applications for Registration, five for admission to the General Register, by reciprocity, and six to the Supplementary Register for Fever Nurses, five by examination, and one by reciprocity, were approved.

A list of names of 40 Nurses who had failed to pay their Retention Fee, and now wished their names re-included was considered, and the applications granted.

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee the Peterborough and District Memorial Hospital was approved as a complete Training School for Nurses.

An additional scheme of affiliation between the Eastbourne Infirmary and the Greenwich and Deptford Hospital was also approved.

The scheme of affiliation between the National Hospital, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, and the Essex County Hospital, Colchester, was recognised for the purpose of an application from an Intermediate Nurse to sit for the State Examination.

Mental Nursing.

The Mental Nursing Committee reported that they had met once, but, as usual, made no report on the business transacted.

Correspondence, Interviews and Permits.

The General Purposes Committee reported that the correspondence dealt with in the Office between September 1st and September 30th amounted to 41,013 letters received and 30,062 letters despatched. The interviews numbered

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