

for the trouble and time she had spent in obtaining and presenting the photographs they had seen.

Referring to the remarks made concerning Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Webb said all nurses owed her a very big debt of gratitude, which would be very hard to repay.

In replying to the vote of thanks, Miss Bryson said that she felt their thanks were largely due to Miss Gooding (Matron of the Western Hospital), who had so kindly provided the majority of the beautiful photographs they had seen, and also they were much indebted to the Metropolitan Asylums' Board for the loan of the Epidiascope, a wonderful invention in lanterns.

Miss Bryson said that she hoped all there would be able to go to Montreal next year, indeed to all similar Congresses, and so acquire the International habit.

Those present, some sixty members and guests, then adjourned to the lounge, where a very dainty tea was served, amid much merry chatter as to what it would cost to go to Montreal, how long it would take, could it be done in one's holidays, etc. So ended a very happy afternoon.

THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

At a Special General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, held at the Hospital on Wednesday, February 29th, when Miss Helen Dey (President) presided, the following business was transacted:

In substitution for a Resolution placed on the Agenda for consideration, it was agreed, on the proposition of Miss Musson, seconded by Miss Cowlin—

RESOLUTION I.

Clause 3.—The qualification for Membership shall be the Certificate of the Hospital.

Clause 3A.—Any Matron or Assistant Matron of the Hospital who does not hold such Certificate shall be an *ex-officio* Member of the League, and after holding such office in the Hospital for not less than a period of four years shall be eligible for election as a full Member.

RESOLUTION II.

That the alteration made in Clause 3 of the Constitution of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses on the 29th day of February, 1928, shall be retrospective and shall date from the 1st day of January, 1927.

Proposed by Florence, Lady Baddeley; seconded by Mrs. Wates.

RESOLUTION III.

That Miss McIntosh be elected a full Member of the League.

Proposed by Florence, Lady Baddeley; seconded by Miss Musson; and unanimously agreed.

THE TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA. Co-operation, but no Fusion.

The Seventeenth Annual Conference of the Trained Nurses' Association of India, held at Calcutta at the end of last year, Mrs. Franklin (the President) being in the Chair, discussed at some length the question of funds.

The President briefly put before the Conference the proposed Red Cross Affiliation Scheme. Miss Reimann's letters, in which she had voiced the attitude of the International Council of Nurses should Red Cross Society affiliation take place, were, says the *Nursing Journal of India*, also read, after which the whole matter was discussed. It was unanimously agreed that the Trained Nurses' Association of India could not, under any circumstance, sever their connection with the I.C.N.; therefore it was decided to appoint a small sub-committee to draw up a Resolution that could be brought to the Conference at the last Session.

At that Session a new Resolution regarding the Red Cross Society affiliation was brought forward, and was as follows:—

"As it seems almost an impossibility for the T.N.A.I. to affiliate with the Indian Red Cross and at the same time to maintain their identity, also in view of the fact that affiliation to the Red Cross would mean our severance from the International Council of Nurses, it is resolved that for the time being we cease our negotiations with the Red Cross Society.

"In the meantime, if possible, one of our members should meet representatives of the International Council Committee in London, and put the whole case to them previous to the next annual meeting."

Mrs. Watts was appointed to represent the T.N.A.I. in this matter. (The Red Cross Society has since met in Committee and decided not to proceed further with proposals for affiliation from the T.N.A.I.)

There the matter therefore rests. It will be remembered that the Executive Committee of the I.C.N., at its meeting in Helsingfors in 1923, endorsed the statement submitted by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, which declared that "That Council has extended every courtesy to fellow-workers interested in the National Health . . . but it is most strongly of opinion that there should be no fusion with societies other than the self-governing duly accredited National Councils of Nurses. It further considers that it is entirely through the strength and prestige of professional organisation that our nurses reach the position, dignity and influence which enables them to be useful in mixed organisations."

Fusion of the Trained Nurses' Association of India with the Indian Red Cross would thus mean that the former could no longer be an integral part of the International Council of Nurses, a result which we are glad to know our colleagues in India cannot contemplate.

We gather it is probable that the Trained Nurses' Association of India will be the losers financially, but professional freedom is worth a "great price."

THE SOUTH AFRICAN TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The valuable work done by Miss J. C. Child, F.B.C.N., for the foundation of the South African Trained Nurses Association, during her residence in that Dominion, as Matron of the New Somerset Hospital, Cape Town, and elsewhere, is well known, and her sustained interest has been recognised since her return to this country by her appointment as its Hon. Overseas President, in which capacity she has rendered it valuable service.

Under the new Constitution of the S.A.T.N.A. provision is made for the appointment of Hon. Members, and we are glad to announce that at the recent meeting of its Central Board Miss Child and Mrs. Colley (née Ellershaw) were elected the first Hon. Members. The proposal was made from the chair by the President, Mrs. Bennie, and carried by acclamation. This recognition has given Miss Child much pleasure, as it is not only evidence that her services to the Association continue to be appreciated, but also the fact that she holds these official positions gives her a recognised status in the Association in this country, and enables her to be of use to South African nurses when visiting it.

Miss Child, who has had a distinguished nursing career, holds the Diploma and Medal of the Greek Red Cross, the Medal of the Boer War, and the Mayor's Medal, Siege of Kimberley. She is also an Hon. Serving Sister of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

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