

from the Register if theft is not to be regarded as giving cause for such removal?

I am, Yours very truly,  
ISABEL MACDONALD,

The Registrar. Secretary.

The General Nursing Council,  
20, Portland Place, W.

(We beg to refer our readers to the report of the November Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales on page 338 and the Statement of the Chairman as to letters received concerning this case.)

### MISS MABEL F. HERSEY IN ENGLAND.

Miss Mabel F. Hersey, President of the Canadian Nurses' Association, is now in England, and since her arrival has been enjoying a rest in the country.

Miss Hersey is to be the guest of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 11th, when the Hon. Officers and Presidents of affiliated organisations hope to have the great pleasure of meeting her at Headquarters, 39, Portland Place, W.1. All that we owe our Canadian sisters for their masterly organisation of the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Montreal and their lavish hospitality to the nurses of the world, is fresh in our minds, and we shall be delighted to have her pay us a visit.

### VALUABLE PRIZE FOR HISTORICAL ESSAY.

#### ADELAIDE NUTTING—LAVINIA DOCK PRIZE.

For an Historical Essay Dealing with a Nursing Subject.

In honour of these two pioneer writers of Nursing History a prize of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) has been offered for the best historical essay submitted by a student or graduate nurse, before January 1st, 1931. The conditions are as follows:—

1. The subject must be one which is directly concerned with some important phase of nursing history.
2. The essay must show original research by the writer.
3. The essay should cover from 8,000 to 10,000 words and should be type-written.
4. There should be a cover page with full title, a table of contents, and a brief outline of the subject-matter of the essay.
5. The essay should be fully documented with foot-notes and should include a detailed bibliography.
6. The language used should be English, French or German.

Any student or graduate nurse wishing to enter the contest should write to the Chairman of the History of Nursing Committee, Miss Nina Gage, 370 Seventh Avenue, New York City, giving her name, address, professional training, and experience, and two references. Each registered contestant will then receive a number which she will place on the essay instead of her name. Her name and number should be enclosed in a sealed envelope accompanying her paper, and the whole should be insured if sent by mail.

The judges will make their decision on the basis of:—

1. The worth of the material.
2. The sources consulted.
3. The form of the paper.
4. The clarity and originality of the presentation.

## THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

### THE NURSES' CONGRESS, MONTREAL.

There is much still that might be written about the Nurses' Congress in Montreal, but with our next issue we enter on a New Year and turn our faces forward to meet the future. Soon also we hope to receive the official Report of the proceedings, and our remaining report must therefore be brief.

#### Friday, July 12th.

The morning of Friday, July 12th, was given up to Round Tables and there was only one General Session in the afternoon, when Miss E. M. Musson, International Treasurer, was in the Chair. Miss Gertrude Cowlin's paper: "The need for Publicity in Nursing," was, in her absence, read by Miss Hilary Heaton, and Rural Nursing was discussed by Miss Bovolini (Belgrade), Miss Wacker (Budapest), Miss M. K. Nelson (U.S.A.), Miss E. L. Smellie V.O.N. Ottawa, and Miss Venny Snellman (Finland) and Miss Ruby E. Hamilton (Ontario) joined in the discussion.

#### Saturday, July 13th.

Saturday morning, with Miss Gage presiding, was given up to receiving Reports and Resolutions from meetings of Sections, including an illuminating Report of the Special Sub-Committee of the Committee on Programme, presented by its Chairman, Miss Jean Gunn, which gave an admirable survey of the General Values of the Congress.

#### ROUND TABLES.

Before reporting the concluding Session we print the proceedings of two more Round Tables, and they, alas, must suffice.

#### MATERNAL CARE.

##### Round Table A. Thursday, July 11th.

Miss Margaret Breay, Vice-President of the British College of Nurses, was the Chairman at the Round Table on Maternal Care at Headquarters on July 11th. On the platform were: Dr. Helen MacMurchy, Miss Astrom (Finland) Miss Mary Beard (U.S.A.), Miss E. F. Brownsdon and Miss Agnes Henderson (Great Britain), Miss Mitchell (South Africa), and Miss Shih (China).

The subject of Maternal Care was discussed under the headings Pre-natal, Neo-natal, and Post-natal care, with special reference to the reduction of the maternal death rate and disablement rate consequent upon child-birth, and to the question of what should be the training of the nurse to enable her to care efficiently for the woman with child, and during the neo-natal period. Should it be included in the three years' general training, or be a post-graduate course, voluntary or obligatory?

Miss Mary Beard (U.S.A.) said that she had been sent to Europe to study maternal care; she had a most interesting time, and was able to concentrate upon why maternal mortality was lower elsewhere than in her own country. In England she had an opportunity of studying the question in various centres, urban, mining and agricultural, and of becoming intimate with nurses and midwives who were giving maternal care. "Think," said Miss Beard, "what that taught me, getting to know really well some thirty people who were spending their lives in endeavouring to reduce the maternity mortality rate." She found in England that this was about half that it is in the United States, where it is six per thousand.

Then she went on to Denmark, where she found the maternal mortality rate only one per thousand, and, on enquiry, she found that the practice of midwifery attracted women of the highest type, and that for 40 vacancies for pupils some 400 fine women would apply

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