

## NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

### THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The Annual Meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland was held at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on Saturday February 9th at 3 p.m.

Owing to the regrettable illness of the President, Miss Helen Pearse, Miss A. Carson Rae was elected to the Chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Many apologies for absence were received owing to sickness.

Several letters from other Societies were read and discussed.

Miss S. A. Villiers, the Hon. Treasurer, presented the Balance Sheet for the past year, which showed a satisfactory state of finance, and was adopted with expressions of approval by the members present.

Miss Kathleen Smith, R.R.C., the Hon. Secretary presented for approval the Report for the past year, which was unanimously adopted, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Smith for the trouble she had taken in its preparation.

Both Miss K. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary, and Miss S. A. Villiers, Hon. Treasurer, consented to continue in office for another year.

Miss Stewart Bryson was re-elected a Vice-President for another term of office, and Miss N. Farrant, Miss Sanderson, and Miss Solomon were elected Vice-Presidents in place of Miss Bushby, Miss Davies, and Miss Hulme who retired in rotation.

In the absence of Miss Solomon who was unable to attend through sickness, the Secretary read a very interesting Report on the Government's Rating Bill prepared by the delegates from a Conference they had attended on November 19th.

Miss H. Lamb of Claybury Mental Hospital very kindly gave an invitation to the Council to hold its next meeting at that Hospital, and this was very gladly accepted, the date to be arranged later.

The Secretary reminded those present of a very interesting lecture to be given at the British College of Nurses on February 19th by Sir Robert Armstrong James, C.B.E., M.D., on the Mind, how is it made, and how should we work it for the best?

After a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Carson Rae for presiding the meeting adjourned for tea.

KATHLEEN A. SMITH,  
Hon. Secretary.

### THE IRISH NURSES' UNION.

#### Post-Graduate Lectures.

A further series of lectures is being arranged this year by the Irish Nurses' Union for its members and other nurses, and will be held in the Nurses' Co-operative Hostel, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, on Wednesdays, from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.

*March 6th.*—Puerperal Sepsis. Dr. O'Donel Browne, Asst. Master, Rotunda Hospital.

*March 13th.*—Nose and Throat Diseases. Dr. Horace Law.

*March 20th.*—Ante-Partum Hæmorrhage. Dr. Gerald Tierney.

The following two Wednesdays, March 27th and April 3rd, being close to Easter holidays, there will be no lectures on those dates.

The lectures will commence again on April 10th, and continue until May. It is hoped to have lectures from Dr.

J. P. Shanley, Dr. Blake (Grangegorman), Dr. Hennessy, T.D., Professor Mary Macken, and others.

Admission is free to members of the Union on production of membership card, and 1s. for each lecture, or 7s. 6d. for the series of at least eight lectures, payable in advance, to non-members.

### FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

A Social Meeting of the Fever Nurses' Association will be held on Wednesday, March 13th, at 4 p.m., in the Nurses' Lecture Room, Monsall Hospital, Manchester, by kind permission of the Chairman of the Hospitals Sub-Committee.

A film, and lantern slides, will be shown, illustrating the preparation of sera and vaccines, etc., and an Address will be given by Dr. J. Stanley White, of the scientific staff of Messrs. Parke, Davis & Co., on "The Application of Micro-Organisms to Medicine." The demonstrations are, we are informed, of absorbing interest, and it is hoped that all Fever Nurses, and their Nurse friends, will make every effort to attend. Medical Officers of fever hospitals are also cordially invited. Members of the Association are asked to notify the Matron, Monsall Hospital, of their intention to be present, and whether they are bringing any Nurse friends.

### THE SOUTH AFRICAN TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the South African Trained Nurses' Association, Miss B. G. Alexander notified that she would be unable to attend the International Congress of Nurses at Montreal. The following delegates were nominated to represent the Association at that Congress:

Mrs. Bennie, President.

Miss Gordon, Member of the Executive Committee.

Miss Mitchell, Matron, Mothercraft Training Centre, Cape Town.

Miss Horn, President, Kimberley Branch.

Virtue, we are told, is its own reward, and that is well, for it seldom receives any other. We cannot therefore resist publishing the subjoined generous acknowledgment of our work for the Nursing Profession by Dr. Tremble the Editor of the *South African Nursing Record* in the January issue of that paper, recently received, for which we sincerely thank him.

"Among the messages of greeting and congratulation that I published last month (on the election of two representatives of the Registered Nurses in South Africa on to their Governing Body, the General Medical Council), none gave me personally more satisfaction than the cable from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, the pioneer of Nursing Organisation and the Founder of the International Council of Nurses. Any achievement we may attain is but another feather in her cap, for she, following in the footsteps of the great founders of the nursing profession, first welded it into a whole, gave it an ideal to work for and taught it the great lesson of our national motto, *Eendracht maakt macht*. From her original efforts to unite the scattered units of a difficult profession have sprung in a smaller way ours in the outer world, and to-day from Iceland to the Antipodes, from America to China, the nurses of the world, following her lead, have strengthened their position and increased their efficiency by coming together. A meeting such as this at Montreal must be a great thrill for her, and it must indeed be a wonderful feeling for her to read of the strength of her offspring, the I.C.N. It was indeed good of her to send us a message on the attainment of our first representation on our Medical Council."

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