

subscribed to and has also been subsidised by the Government, and the hospital will be ready for use this year, the year of the millennial festivities. Hitherto the Icelandic nurses have taken part of their training in the various hospitals in Iceland, and the rest in hospitals in Denmark and Norway, as Icelandic hospitals have not offered sufficient practical experience. The Icelandic Nurses' Association has been advising on all the arrangements with regard to the Nursing Service of the new State Hospital, and have had some difficulty in getting a three years' course accepted, several of the more prominent citizens feeling that Iceland could not afford to provide more than two years' training for its nurses.

The early history of the Parliament of Iceland (Althinget) is known from the famous collection of Icelandic poems, the "Eddas."

Mrs. Sigridur Thorvaldsson, President of the Icelandic Nurses' Association, who is an Associate National Representative of the International Council of Nurses, writes that nurses who may be visiting Iceland on the occasion of the celebration of the Thousandth Anniversary of the foundation of the Parliament of Iceland from June 26th to 30th, will be welcomed by the Icelandic Nurses' Association, which will be glad to assist them in every way to make their stay as interesting as possible. Such nurses should write to Mrs. Sigridur Thorvaldsson at 14, Tjarnargata, Reykjavik, Iceland.

Dean A. W. Goodrich, Dean of the Yale School of Nursing, U.S.A., has been invited by the Rockefeller Foundation to make a study of nursing conditions in the Orient, in company with Miss Mary Beard, Assistant Director of Medical Sciences for the Foundation, and Miss Gladys E. Stevenson, F.B.C.N., Principal of the School of Nursing of the Union Hospital, Hankow, writes:—"The Nurses' Association of China is meeting in Conference the first week in February in Shanghai, together with the National Medical Association. The latter specially asked us to meet with them to discuss certain topics and problems peculiar to both bodies. The new Ministry of Health of the Nanking Government has asked joint committees to give suggestions for the laws to be drawn up which will govern the registration of medical and nursing institutions, and qualified doctors, nurses, midwives, etc. I have already been on the Committee that discussed registration of midwives and midwifery training schools, and now work is proceeding on the other branches. We are delighted that we shall have Dean Goodrich and Miss Beard of America with us, and I am hoping they will come and visit us here. This week I have been finishing up the translation of a new book on Urological Nursing into Chinese to take to the Conference for publishing.

"We have the largest School of Nursing in China here, our Student Nurses all being of High School grade and they pay a tuition fee of fifty dollars, and all the fees of the Nurses' Association of China. We are shortly sending one of our head Chinese nurses abroad to take a year's course of preparation for a Sister Tutor's work.

"As well as Matron's duties so much teaching devolves upon me that the Hospital Board has realised that some one should be specially prepared to help."

## THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The Forty-first Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on February 22nd, at 2 p.m.

The President (Mrs. Bedford Fenwick) was in the Chair, and the following members were present: Miss M. Breay, *Vice-President*; Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss D. K. Graham, Miss I. Macdonald, and Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., *Fellows*; and Miss A. M. Bright and Miss E. J. Haswell, *Members*.

Prayers having been read by the Secretary, the Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed. Before taking the business on the Agenda, the President recorded with deep regret the deaths of Miss Mary Kathleen Murphy (of the Victoria Nurses' Institute, Cape Town), and of Miss Annie Carson Rae, *Fellow*.

The President said Miss Carson Rae (Nurse Hon. Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association) was an intimate friend and loyal colleague of many members of the Council, who had been associated with them in all the forward movements for the organisation of the Nursing Profession; her death was a serious loss and deeply to be deplored. She invited the Council by an upstanding vote to send an expression of their sorrow to her sisters—which was agreed.

Letters of regret for inability to attend were received from Miss S. A. Villiers, Miss E. Kennedy, and Miss K. M. Latham, R.R.C.

### RESIGNATION OF THE SECRETARY.

The Council received and accepted with sincere regret the resignation of the Secretary, Miss Grace Reynolds Hale, R.R.C., whose services to the College have been so greatly appreciated.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Letter from Miss E. Lloyd (Matron of the Tropical Diseases Hospital), giving results of the Examination of Nurses to whom grants were given to attend Lectures and sit for examination.

Miss Lloyd reported that the four nurses had satisfied the examiners.

The Council directed that the students should be congratulated on their success.

2. Letters from Miss H. Ballard, Miss E. Macintyre, Miss A. Russell, and Miss M. Williams, thanking the Council for grants to take the Course on Tropical Diseases.

3. Letter from Miss Mary Chadwick, reporting that she had been invited to attend as a guest the First International Congress on Mental Hygiene, to be held at Washington, U.S.A., from May 5th to 10th.

Miss Chadwick is to present a Paper on "The Neurotic Child," and has also been asked if she is willing to give lectures to any organisation desirous of having lectures from the visitors at the Congress.

In reply, Miss Chadwick has consented to lecture on the subjects of Applied Psychology or Psychoanalytical knowledge for the Hospital Nurse.

The Council were gratified to know that the work of one of the Fellows had received such appreciative recognition from the Directors of the Programme of so important an International Congress.

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