

to study the whole question, to advise on the formation of groups, to serve as an exchange for societies in different countries and to report at the next Congress of the International Council in 1933.

Several of the guests at the luncheon spoke informally on matters of historical interest in their own countries or on plans for developing history of nursing societies. Among these were Miss Cullen and Miss Hillyers (of St. Thomas's Hospital, London), Miss Rivera (Porto Rico), and Miss Schindler (Poland). Miss Zollikofer (Switzerland) presented a beautiful copy of an ivory drug case (Roman) of the fifth century, with a bas-relief of Asclepius and Hygeia on the cover, for the historical collection at Teachers College.

Telegrams of appreciation were sent from the group to Miss Adelaide Nutting and Miss Lavinia Dock, the two pioneers who first opened up and revealed to nurses the rich stores of historical knowledge about their own profession. As a tribute to these two distinguished nurse historians, the Chairman announced that a prize of one hundred dollars, to be called *The Adelaide Nutting-Lavinia Dock Prize*, would be offered for the best original contribution, by a student or graduate nurse, to the History of Nursing. This must be submitted before January 1st, 1931. The purpose of this prize is to encourage nurses in different countries to gather together historical materials from original sources, and to put them into proper shape for publication, so they may be available for student nurses and others who are interested in the study of nursing history. The conditions are found below.

The following have been asked to serve on the Committee to consider the further developments of history of nursing societies and the award of the Adelaide Nutting-Lavinia Dock Prize:—

Miss Cornelia V. Petersen, Aarhus, Denmark; Oberin Dr. Erna von Abendroth, Dresden, Germany; Viscountess Ursel Hennezel, Brussels, Belgium; Miss Kathleen Hill, Montreal, Canada; Miss Christiane Reimann, Geneva, Switzerland; Miss Isabel M. Stewart, New York, U.S.A.; Miss Nina D. Gage, 370, Seventh Avenue, New York City, U.S.A. (Chairman of the Committee).

The Committee would be glad to hear of any groups which are being formed in any countries for the study of nursing history and will gladly answer inquiries about the existing societies and their methods of organisation. New notes will be sent to *The International Nursing Review* from time to time, so that those interested will be able to follow the progress of the movement—*The International Nursing Review*.

CONGRATULATIONS TO "THE CANADIAN NURSE."

We offer cordial congratulations to *The Canadian Nurse*, and all concerned in its production, both in the present and past, on having attained to a quarter of a century of useful life, with a prospect of many years of increased usefulness ahead, for it has during this period impressed itself on the nursing world, so that outside Canada its monthly advent is looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation.

Miss Jean S. Wilson, the Editor and business manager, gives an interesting survey of its history during this time. It was founded in the house of Dr. Helen MacMurphy, that good and constant friend of nurses, and she became its first editor. During 1905 and 1906, it was published quarterly, and in 1907 it made its first appearance in monthly form. Miss Wilson says that Dr. MacMurphy laid a splendid foundation for a national journal of nursing in Canada. The nurses of to-day acknowledge with greatest appreciation the efforts put forth on their behalf by Dr. MacMurphy and the Editorial Board.

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The April Meeting of the Executive Committee will be summoned to meet on Monday, April 28th, at 4.30 p.m.

The principal business to be considered will be in relation to the proposed Nurses' International Memorial to Miss Florence Nightingale.

TO AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

All Associations affiliated to the National Council of Nurses are invited to send information and items of news they wish to appear in this Journal, the official organ of the Council, to the Hon. Secretary, N.C.N., 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING.

The College of Nursing, Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, W.1, is making a special effort to complete the endowment fund of £100,000 for which it is appealing, and is setting aside the first week of June for a concentrated effort to raise the remaining £30,000. The Queen has consented to attend a ceremony later in the year to receive purses on behalf of the Fund, and any one who has given or collected £100 and upwards will have the privilege of presenting it to Her Majesty.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The Special Meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland arranged to be held at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on Saturday, May 10th, has been advanced to Saturday, May 3rd, at the same time and place. It is hoped members will endeavour to be present if possible.

THE MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-eighth quarterly meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association was held on March 8th, at the Holloway Sanatorium Nurses' Home, Virginia Water, when—at the kind invitation of Dr. Devine (the Medical Superintendent) and Miss Sewart (the Matron)—a large gathering of members took place. Those present were specially interested to hear Dr. Devine's address and to see over this wonderfully ornate and far-famed hospital. Miss Lamb (President of the Association, Matron of Claybury Hospital) took the chair, supported by Miss Sewart (Virginia Water), Hon. Secretary, and Miss Hearder (Bethlem Royal Hospital), Hon. Treasurer. Miss Musgrove's resignation, on her retirement from Exminster, was received with regret. Miss Gardner (Stockton-on-Tees), Miss O'Connor (Newport, I. of W.), and Miss Gardner (Durham) were admitted to membership. Those present resolved by a large majority to support the General Nursing Council Examination as the only portal of entry to the State Register for Mental Nurses.

After tea, served in the charmingly decorated recreation room, the members inspected the Home, the Hospital wards, and the very lovely chapel attached. Time quickly passed, and with thanks to Dr. Devine and Miss Sewart, most of those present were all too soon back in town.

LEAGUE OF PRIVATE NURSES.

A Conference was held on March 7th at 194, Queen's Gate on "The present position of Private Nurses in relation to the Hospitals, the Medical Profession, and the Public," and Mrs. Hamilton Gibson, S.R.N., occupied the Chair. Miss Macdonald, in opening the discussion, said that she was purposely going to curtail her remarks, as far as possible, as she hoped that there would be discussion afterwards which would help to determine the policy and activities of the League for the coming months. She had recently received many letters indicating that a

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