

The salary, however, is of small importance compared with superannuation.

We are profoundly convinced that the passing of this Bill would destroy the spirit of service in our hospitals by making nursing a means of livelihood, and not, as it should be, the most vocational of professions.

We would, therefore, most earnestly urge upon you the necessity of opposing this Bill, in order to preserve a system of nursing which is the pride of our country and the envy of the civilised world.

ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE,
REBECCA STRONG, President.
CHRISTIAN H. M'ARA (Registered Nurse),
Secretary.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Meeting of Board of Directors.

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the I.C.N. will meet in Geneva from Monday, June 29th, to July 1st, inclusive. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (Founder), Miss E. M. Musson (Treasurer), and Miss M. E. Abram (President of the Trained Nurses' Association of India), Miss B. G. Alexander (President of the South African Trained Nurses Association), will leave London *via* Paris at the end of June, to attend the meeting.

NIGHTINGALEIANA.

We republish the following interesting items from past issues of *Punch*.

Punch, 1855.

The difference between Miss Nightingale and her Detractors. With the latter, the practice is to make wounds—with the former, to heal them.

Punch, Sept. 1st, 1855.

THE NIGHTINGALE'S NEST.

A hospital is about to be built, to be dedicated by way of testimonial to the melodious-minded Miss Nightingale, a hospital in which, writes Mrs. Sidney Herbert, Miss Nightingale's "own system of unpaid nursing" is to be carried out. *Mr. Punch* will add no word of his to the beauty of the design, for words are not wanted. He will merely, as in blithe duty bound, observe that those who think gratefully and lovingly of the notion of the Nightingale's Nest will, without loss of time, duly deposit their golden eggs at Courtt's. When golden eggs are not forthcoming, the nest may be most cosily lined with bank notes.

Punch, March 29th, 1856.

GENTLEMEN AND CHRISTIANS.

Mr. Stafford reports of Miss Nightingale that she avowed of the private soldiers "they have been to us, and to all the ladies, gentlemen and Christians." Is it not a pity that such gentility should pine in the cold shade, that such Christianity should, too often, have no other decoration save that worn inside the breast? Very beautiful, very eloquent, was the wish of one of the brave fellows, asked by Mr. Stafford "what he thought" of Miss Nightingale? "Well," said he, "I hope she will go up to Heaven *before* she dies." The coffin and the grave—thought the noble fellow—should have nothing of that angelic nature, that in his mind, Elijah-like, she be at once translated from earth to skies.

Punch, August 23rd, 1856.

THE RETURN OF THE NIGHTINGALE.

Miss Nightingale has returned to her home. It is reported that her arrival was preceded just one hour by the appearance of two milk-white doves. If a swarm of bees find out an Emperor at Plombieres, surely it may be taken as a truth that a pair of doves have preceded a Nightingale to Derbyshire.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and twenty-third meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, April 24th, at 20, Portland Place, London, W. Miss E. M. Musson, Chairman of the Council, presided.

Correspondence.

Apologies for absence were sent by Miss Lloyd Still and Miss Hogg.

Finance.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Bills and Claims submitted for payment be approved, and that the sum of £25 for Postage Stamps, £20 for Insurance Stamps, and £15 for Petty Cash be allowed. It raised no objections to Recommendations 12, 13, 14 and 15, and sanctioned which were that a uniform suit be purchased for the Caretaker at a cost of £6 6s., that the Gestetner Duplicating Machine, which was purchased in 1921, be fitted with new cylinders at a cost of £5 5s., that the estimate of Messrs. B. Colley and Sons, for repairs, cleaning, and painting for the year 1931 amounting to £155 be accepted, also an additional sum of £1 10s. 8d. for fixing shelves in the cupboard in the hall.

Dr. Fawcett, who presented the Report of the Finance Committee, also reported that they had sanctioned a fifth recommendation of the General Purposes Committee which the Chairman of that Committee would move, for the expenditure of £126 11s. for repairs in rooms in the basement and the upper floor. The Chairman of the Council, of the Finance and General Purposes Committees, and the Architect had together inspected these premises and the work was essential and urgently needed.

The Committee further reported that in accordance with authority granted by the Council Meeting on March 27th the sum of £2,000 had been invested in Derby Corporation 4½ per cent. Stock, 1951-61, at a cost of £1,956 6s. 5d.

The Committee recommended that the estimate of John N. Dawson for supplying 750 gusset envelopes for the Examinations Department amount to £6 10s. be accepted.

Registration.

The Registration Committee reported applications from two Registered Nurses for duplicate Silver Badges, the loss of which was reported a year ago. Granted.

Applications for approval for registration were:—For the General Register by reciprocity, 6; for the Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses, 10 by examination, and by reciprocity, 1.

The Registration Committee recommended that the applications be approved for Registration.

The Council approved the reinclusion in the Register of the names of fifty nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee and now wished their names re-included.

Education and Examination.

The Education and Examination Committee reported that they had considered applications from the authorities of hospitals for approval as Training Schools, and made recommendations:—

"That the following Hospital be provisionally approved as a training school which in combination with another public hospital gives complete training under Section I. (1) (b) of the Council's Scheme of Training, for a period of one year from April 24th, 1931:—

Waterloo and District General Hospital, Liverpool, in affiliation with the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, London."

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