

in Mental Hospitals. She said that patients were given attention at an early stage in any illness, diseases were warded off, and consequently there was a lack of experience in acute nursing. It was suggested that through the General Nursing Council arrangements might be made whereby the Staff of a Mental Hospital could, by reciprocity, if considered feasible, receive six months training in surgical and medical work in a General Hospital—the Mental Nurses being given very definite nursing duties and not such tasks as come the way of a junior probationer. It was pointed out that this principle was already being put into practice informally in certain Hospitals, but the general feeling of the Meeting was that some official arrangement should be entered into. It was pointed out that this had already been discussed with the General Nursing Council, but they were unable to do more than express their approval. The Honorary Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Honorary Secretary of the Association of Hospital Matrons asking if the Executive Committee of the latter Association would meet the

The present issue contains greetings from early friends of the Nurses' Missionary League, including Miss Zöe Fairfield, the first Chairman of the Executive Committee, remembered with so much pleasure by those who knew the League in its early days.

Two outstanding personalities to both of whom the League owes much, are Miss J. Macfee, B.A., Editor of *Nurses Near and Far*, and the Secretary, Miss H. Y. Richardson. Miss Macfee has been Editor of the paper from the publication of the first number in April, 1906, and her term of office has been characterised by her fidelity to its interests, literary capacity, and courtesy to all who have been brought into contact with her.

Miss Richardson is the personal friend of every member of the League, and the promotion of its interests has been her life's work.

It is with pleasure that we publish the portraits of Miss Macfee and Miss Richardson, which appear in the one-hundredth number of *Nurses Near and Far*, by the courtesy of its Editor.



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Executive Committee of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association with a view to discussing the question.

The question of the shortage of Nurses and the *Lancet* Commission was discussed and it was decided that in the event of evidence being required to be given in person Miss Cumming and Miss Hearder should attend to represent the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting at 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7., on Saturday, March 14th, 1931.

#### NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

We offer congratulations to the Nurses' Missionary League on the issue of the hundredth number of *Nurses Near and Far*, the significance of which receives suitable recognition in a message from the President, the Bishop of Durham. "The League itself" says the Bishop, "is firmly established owing to the ceaseless enthusiasm and devotion of Miss Richardson, backed by many willing helpers. It has proved itself in a thousand ways, and not the least of its services has been to bring into circulation this unpretending quarterly paper. In many far-off corners of the world, and to many a harassed worker, *Nurses Near and Far* brings its message of remembrance and encouragement."

#### GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The One Hundred and Nineteenth Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1, on December 19th. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., presiding.

#### Correspondence.

The correspondence included a letter dated November 28th, 1930, from the Secretary of the Royal Sanitary Institute, inviting the Council to appoint delegates to the Annual Congress of the Institute at Glasgow in July, 1931. The Chairman said that it had been the policy of the Council as a Statutory Body not to accept invitations to representation on non-statutory bodies, and this procedure was confirmed.

A letter was received from the High Commissioner for India, with enclosure, notifying that the terms offered by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales as a condition of reciprocity, namely, not less than three years training, and registration under the Madras Nurses and Midwives Act, were accepted. It was therefore agreed

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