

my task for me. *They* have written your epitome of Marguerite and I would have you visualise the beauty of it. On the page where the pen has scrawled its way, line upon line, lie many scattered petals, lovely each one of them, wisdom filled harmony in every vein and curve of them; tiny shadows lie about the page and shadows can be as beautiful as the sunbeams, especially the tiny shadows that fall away from the delicate petals of the roses of Provence. You may weave many an imagination from this epitome that the roses have written, but most of all do they speak of how the deeds of Louis and his Marguerite were scattered through their kingdom to bring again health, beauty and wisdom-filled harmony to the lives of the sick and the suffering.

I lift the roses to the window that the light of the sky may fall on them. The petals I do not touch but leave where they fell, for it may be that it was not merely a wind on a quiet summer morning that caused them, after a fashion of their own, to write "finis" to the story of Marguerite.

ISABEL MACDONALD.

### NIGHTINGALEIANA.

The following letter has been bought by the British College of Nurses for the History Section, and shows what care and knowledge Miss Florence Nightingale had for animals.

A. M. B.

August 29/87. Claydon House,  
Winslow, Bucks.

DEAR MADAM,—Miss Irby tells me that you would like my cat Quiz ("and her kitten" she had but one but she has been parted from her kitten these six weeks and would not know it again or the kitten her). Quiz is a young cat-ess and has been so great a pet that she has always slept in my maid's room.

She is perfectly healthy, and very clean—but has been brought up with a pan with sand in it for purposes of cleanliness, and she must learn whatever you mean to be the way with her.

I expect that Quiz is a little out of condition now, and her beautiful ruff fallen off. But she will soon recover it. I need not tell you that cats must have grass; cold water at night, and not a superabundance of meat; some vegetable (lentils and milk Quiz has always had)—nothing greasy or made with melted butter—nothing seasoned.

Under your kind care I am sure that Quiz will be happy—she has been much made of—has always been a drawing-room cat.

I am at this moment away from 10, South St., Park Lane, W. (my home) where Quiz is.

Would you kindly give me a line by return of post to this address (Claydon) at the top of this letter, saying whether you wish me to desire that Quiz shall be sent to you at once? and I will immediately send her.

Pray believe me,

Sincerely Yours,

Florence Nightingale.

I am so sorry for poor Orange and for the trouble given to you.

The allusion to "poor Orange" is made clear in the subjoined letter to Mrs. Hales.

19 August. Monks Orchard, West Wickham,  
Beckenham.

DEAR MADAM,—I was sorry to hear from Miss Raymond that the poor cat Orange died.

She says she thinks you would like another.

Miss Nightingale is anxious to find a home for a beautiful lady Cat named "Quiz." She is a gay mother, and I understand she is in good health.

Will you kindly tell me if you are disposed to have her?

Yours truly,

To Mrs. Hales.

A. P. Irby.

## THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and forty-seventh Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 20, Portland Place, London, W.1, on June 23rd. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £100 for Postage Stamps, £25 for Insurance Stamps and £5 for Petty Cash allowed.

It was agreed that the advice of the Banker be accepted with reference to the Sale of Stocks, and that £4,000 4½ per cent. Conversion Loan and £2,000 5 per cent. Conversion Loan be sold to meet the expenditure on the purchase of No. 22, Portland Place.

### Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on June 23rd, 1933, were:—General Register, by Reciprocity, 12; Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses, by Examination, 6. Total 18.

It was agreed that 28 Nurses, who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

### Education and Examination.

It was agreed that correspondence received from the General Nursing Council for Scotland with reference to the division of the Preliminary State Examination should be referred, for careful consideration, to the Education and Examination Committee.

Correspondence was before the Council from the Ministry of Health with reference to the approval of Public Assistance Hospitals and to the visitation of such Hospitals by Members of Council.

It was reported that a Deputation from the Tuberculosis Association consisting of Dr. Jane Walker, President of the Association, Dr. W. C. Fowler, Medical Superintendent, Pinewood Sanatorium, Dr. H. Trayer, Medical Superintendent Baguley Sanatorium, and Dr. G. T. Hebert, Hon. Secretary of the Association, met the members of the Education and Examination Committee on June 7th. The points brought forward by the Deputation will be discussed by the Committee at a future meeting.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that:—

Plymouth City Isolation Hospital be now approved as a Complete Training School for Fever Nurses.

The provisional approval granted to the Warrington Isolation Hospital as a complete Training School for Fever Nurses be continued for a further year.

The scheme of affiliation between the Warwick Infirmary and the Nottingham City Infirmary be approved, in place of that with Lambeth Hospital, London, upon the application of the Authorities of Warwick Infirmary.

It was reported that Miss G. M. Lowe, Matron, St. Ann's, Canford Cliffs, Bournemouth, has resigned, and that Miss Alexander, Matron, Victoria Hospital, Burnley, and Dr. Caddies, Newcastle General Hospital, have died. All were members of the Panel of Examiners.

### Mental Nursing.

Letters were before the Council from the Hon. Secretary, The Mental Hospital Matrons' Association, drawing attention to the recent appointment of a Matron who possesses no nursing qualification.

On the recommendation of the Mental Nursing Com-

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