

on the Council. The Ministry has been informed that the large body of Municipal Nurses and District and Public Health Nurses consider that practical experts in these national branches of nursing might well be represented with benefit in the deliberations of the Council.

THE SPLIT PRELIMINARY EXAM.

The infiltration of the General Nursing Council with the "Split Preliminary" policy of *The Lancet* Commission, attained by the appointment, by the Ministry of Health, of the second assistant editor of that journal to a seat on the Governing Body of the Nursing Profession, has aroused a strong sense of resentment upon the part of Registered Nurses who object to press control.

The Lancet stood severely aloof during the nurses' long struggle for legal status and the organisation of nursing education by the State, and there appears no reason why it should now interfere with the rights and privileges acquired by them under the Nurses' Registration Act.

The place of the Press is at the Press Table, and not on our Board of Control.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Note of proceedings at meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on January 6th, 1933.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., was re-elected Chairman of the new Council, and Colonel D. J. Mackintosh was re-elected Vice-Chairman.

The following were appointed to constitute the Committees:—

Education and Examination Committee.

Col. Mackintosh (Convener), Miss Bladon, Miss Brodie, Dr. Buist, Miss Cameron, Dr. Chalmers, Miss Edmondson, Miss Fraser, Miss Merchant, Miss Milnes, Sir John Lorne MacLeod, Miss Niccol, Miss Pool, Miss Stewart, Miss Williamson.

Finance Committee.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod (Convener), Miss Bladon, Miss Brodie, Dr. Buist, Miss Cameron, Dr. Chalmers, Miss Edmondson, Miss Fraser, Miss Merchant, Miss Milnes, Col. Mackintosh, Miss Niccol, Miss Pool, Miss Stewart, Miss Williamson.

Uniform Committee.

Miss Bladon (Convener), Miss Cameron, Miss Fraser, Miss Merchant, Miss Pool, Miss Williamson

Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee.

Dr. Buist (Convener), Sir John Lorne MacLeod, Col. Mackintosh, Miss Bladon, Dr. Chalmers, Miss Edmondson, Miss Merchant.

Committee in regard to Setting of Question Papers.

Miss Bladon, Dr. Chalmers, Col. Mackintosh, Miss Williamson.

In the absence of Colonel Mackintosh, the Report of the Education and Examination Committee was submitted by Dr. Buist and was unanimously approved.

Further arrangements were sanctioned in regard to the February Examination and one additional Examiner was appointed.

There was submitted a Note of the Proceedings at the Conference of representatives of the Council and The General Nursing Councils for England and Wales and Northern Ireland, held on November 28th, 1932, and in accordance with the arrangements come to at the Conference the Council resolved to defer for six months further consideration of their proposal as to splitting the Preliminary Examination into two parts.

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting of the Matrons' Council was held on Saturday, January 28th, 1933, at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7.

Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C. (the President) was in the Chair.

There was a fairly good attendance of members, though several were prevented from being present owing to illness, among them being Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, whose absence was greatly deplored.

A message of sympathy with her and of hope for a speedy recovery was proposed from the chair, and carried unanimously.

The Secretary read the Report for 1932. The outstanding subjects of interest during the year were the launching of the Florence Nightingale International Memorial Foundation during Nightingale Week, which was held in London in July; and the publication of the Report of "The Lancet Commission on Nursing," which has been fully discussed by many of the Nurses' organisations. Two valued members of the Council have passed away during the year through death—Mrs. Bridges and Miss McVitie—both of whom took a deep interest in the work of the Council for many years.

The Balance Sheet was read and showed a small balance.

The Hon. Officers were re-elected for another year.

Miss Cochrane then spoke of the proposed Florence Nightingale International Memorial Foundation, and was followed by Miss Bushby, a member of the Sub-Committee appointed by the National Council of Nurses to organise the collection of funds.

Miss Bushby said that the Nursing Organisations had showed great interest in the matter, and that the response to the appeal had been most gratifying, four of the large Leagues of Nurses having promised to provide a scholarship each of £250, and that £500—the amount originally to be collected—was rapidly coming in.

There was some discussion on the best method of obtaining the co-operation of the members of the Matrons' Council, and it was decided, on the motion of Mrs. Andrews, seconded by Miss Bushby, that a circular letter be sent to every member, inviting contributions.

Other methods of raising money were suggested, and a sum of over £12 was promised by the members present; so that a good start having been made, it is hoped to enlist the sympathy of all the members of the Council and to give to each individual member an opportunity of taking part in this great International effort to commemorate the genius of Florence Nightingale.

After the termination of the Meeting, tea was served in the beautiful drawing-room of the R.B.N.A. Club, and a social gathering enjoyed.

INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association was held on Saturday, January 28th, 1933, at the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, at 4 p.m.

Miss S. A. Villiers, S.R.N., J.P., was in the Chair, and the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Letters of regret for absence were read from:—Miss J. T. Ruddy, M.B.C.N., President, who through illness was unable to attend and enclosing donation of £1 to the Nightingale Memorial Fund; from Miss D. Webb, F.B.C.N., Hon. Secretary, and a number of other members who were unable to attend the meeting owing to the prevalence of the epidemic of influenza.

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