

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain will have read in our August issue the Report of the Inaugural Meeting of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation with gratification, as its policy in the past two years has contributed so materially to the success of the Foundation. Now, what of the future?

At the last meeting, in November, 1933, of its Grand Council, it will be recalled that a Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee was elected to consider a helpful professional policy in support of the Foundation, and when the holidays are over this Committee, which is composed of the following members, will be summoned to consider its reference. It is hoped they will attend prepared to make practical propositions.

The following members of the National Council of Nurses compose the Committee:—

The Hon. Officers: *Ex-officio*, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (President), Miss S. A. Villiers (Hon. Secretary), and Miss M. Breay (Hon. Treasurer), and Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, Miss E. M. Musson, Miss Helen Dey, Miss G. M. Littleboy, Miss M. S. Cochrane, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss M. G. Allbutt (Municipal Nurses), Miss E. L. Macaulay (Mental Nurses), and Miss J. C. Cowie (Scotland).

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The very recently formed Bristol Royal Infirmary Nurses' League have just held their first annual meeting at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol. Miss A. B. Baillie, R.R.C., is their first President, and Lady Jean Wills, A.R.R.C., and Miss R. Osborne, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief of the Territorial Army Nursing Service, have accepted the positions of Vice-Presidents.

The League is holding its next meeting in London on November 3rd, and a dinner will be arranged at the Cowdray Club the same evening. Miss Charley, the Hon. Secretary, is sure that there are a large number of old B.R.I. nurses to whom she has not written because she does not know their addresses. She asks that nurses who are interested in the League will write to her for particulars at 15, Manchester Square, London, W.1.

The League are commencing at once to work for a scholarship which will be offered to a League member and will be for any branch of post-graduate study which the member herself likes to choose.

THE TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA.

The Annual Conference of the Trained Nurses' Association of India and the Annual Meeting and Exhibition of the Student Nurses' Association is this year to be held in the Goculdas Hospital, Bombay. The Conference proceedings will be opened on November 25th by Her Excellency Lady Brabourne, the wife of the Governor of Bombay. *The Nursing Journal of India* which makes this announcement, says that the Florence Nightingale Fund is slowly, but surely, growing and it is hoped that very soon very definite arrangements will be made in the choice of the Association's candidate to enter for the Bedford College Course.

Writing of the Course just concluded (the last under the auspices of the League of Red Cross Societies) Miss Elizabeth C. Thomson, of the Trained Nurses' Association of India, who has been taking the Course in Hospital Administration writes:—

"For the first six weeks of our Course we stay in one of the big London voluntary hospitals so that we may see the

administrative methods. During the Easter holidays we pay another visit to hospitals and with more enlightened minds, because of our lectures, we study more administrative methods.

The Course is a great horizon-widener for not only does one mingle in daily life with so many nurses from other countries—there were seventeen nationalities this year—but one's knowledge of social life, education and other branches of Nursing is increased.

We do not have examinations to pass; every fortnight or three weeks we have essays to write in connection with our lectures.

The mere fact that one is living in London is a great thrill in itself. When we are free, there are so many interesting places to visit, so many beautiful things to see, not to mention concerts and theatres to sample!

We each have a study-bedroom furnished by some special country in its own way and if one belongs to a country that has furnished a room, then it is like coming home to find familiar pictures, hanging maps and cushions awaiting one.

I hope that many Indian students will in the years to come be in the lovely Indian room and will find what I have found, that their year here is one of the happiest they have ever spent."

THE SOUTH AFRICAN TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

It is good news that the National Committee for the Florence Nightingale International Foundation in South Africa has now been established. Miss B. G. Alexander, R.R.C., past President of the South African Trained Nurses' Association, writes to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain:—

"We have now got our National Committee for the Florence Nightingale Foundation elected, and I enclose a copy of the names of the members. The South African Trained Nurses' Association has undertaken to provide the Secretary and we hope to find a suitable nurse for this purpose.

"Dr. Orenstein, President of the S. A. Red Cross Society, was present at the meeting in London on 5th July and we hope to have a meeting of our Committee on his return to South Africa and will then get to work. We have got £35 (Thirty-five pounds) sent in by the nursing staff of various hospitals, and so far no appeal has been made, so I hope we will have an applicant for 1935-36.

"The selected candidate for this year, Miss Norman, sailed for England last week and she will, I am sure, be a good representative from South Africa, and she looks forward with much pleasure and interest to her time at International House. There are two others from South Africa this year, Miss Grosskopf and Miss Fick."

South African National Committee—Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

REPRESENTING THE SOUTH AFRICAN RED CROSS:

Dr. A. J. Orenstein (President), Dr. L. G. Irvine, Mr. J. F. Billbrough, Mrs. E. Kane Berman, Miss C. Morisse, Mrs. P. A. Roux.

REPRESENTING THE SOUTH AFRICAN TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION:

Miss B. G. Alexander (Vice-President), Miss E. Winter, Miss B. Lazarus, Miss J. B. Young, Miss E. C. Lotz, Miss B. Marais.

The Secretaries to be provided by the South African Trained Nurses' Association.

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