

## THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

### DEPUTATION FROM LEAGUE OF SISTER TUTORS TO GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales have arranged that Miss Charlotte Evelyn Nelson, D.N., Matron and Sister Tutor, St. Margaret's Hospital, Stratton, Wilts; Miss Chrissie Eliza Lotherington, Sister Tutor and Assistant Matron, Woolwich Memorial Hospital; and Miss Margaret Doris Challenger, D.N., Sister Tutor, Bethnal Green Hospital, shall meet the Education and Examination Committee on Wednesday, May 6th, and place the opinion of the Sister Tutors' League before them concerning the new ruling of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales with regard to the teaching of Elementary Anatomy and Physiology by Medical Practitioners, instead of Trained Sister Tutors.

Members of this League feel very strongly that the new ruling is a very retrograde step so far as the efficient teaching of first-year probationers is concerned, and that it will be very injurious to the status and economic condition of Sister Tutors as a class.

Sister Tutors have an influential section in the College of Nursing, and it is to be hoped they will express an opinion on their own affairs.

### ASSOCIATION OF QUEEN'S SUPERINTENDENTS. Conference at the Guildhall.

The forty-fourth annual conference of the Association of Queen's Superintendents, who are the administrators of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, was held at the Guildhall on April 1.

The Lord Mayor, who opened the deliberations, said that the conference would report to its patron, Queen Mary. The Association of Superintendents of Queen's Nurses was started by a few superintendents in the early days of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, formed in 1887. The main object was to bring together from all parts of England, Wales and Ireland those responsible for the training and supervision of Queen's Nurses, and the annual conference was the means whereby the various problems connected with district nursing could be discussed.

District nursing was recognised as one of the essential social services, and since it now embraced general nursing, midwifery, health visiting, and school nursing it was felt to be most important that every means should be taken by the 345 superintendents and assistants to ensure that the best possible service should be available to the general public through the Queen's Institute of District Nursing and its affiliated associations.

Miss Wilmshurst, general superintendent of the institute, afterwards presided. It was stated that 7,000 nurses are at work all over the country in the homes of the people. Various matters of general interest, including problems of administration, the difficulties of staffing, the shortage of nurses, and the economics of the service were considered. A message of greeting and loyalty was sent to Queen Mary.

### THE MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The 53rd Quarterly Meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association will be held at Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monk's Orchard, Eden Park, Beckenham, Kent, on Saturday May 30th, at 2.30 p.m., by kind invitation of Dr. G. J. Porter Phillips, and Miss Hearder. It will be preceded by a meeting of the Executive Committee at 2 p.m.

Without a brother we our life may spend,  
But life were not life, if we had no friend.

## IN SEARCH OF NEW IDEAS.

We are not supposed to be a "Congress-minded" profession in England, but we hope this supposition may be proved erroneous in 1937. Anyway, the *American Journal of Nursing* and the *Canadian Nurse* prove that nurses overseas are enthusiastic supporters of professional Conventions. Both in U.S.A. and Canada, the National Associations hold bi-ennial meetings. The American Nurses' Association meets this year at Los Angeles, in June, and will discuss an exhaustive programme, Miss Susan Francis presiding; and the Canadian Nurses' Association General Meeting is to be held in Vancouver from June 29th to July 4th, and from the tentative programme for this meeting it promises to be one of the most important the Association has ever had. The *Canadian Nurse* states: "The whole content of this journal has been planned in relation to the General Meeting." The leading article deals with Dominion Registration of Nurses and was prepared by Miss E. MacPherson Dickson, convener of the committee appointed to prepare a plan for submission to the Canadian Nurses' Association. . . . It is suggested that a Canadian College of Nurses be established, and the advisability of such an undertaking will be one of the most important issues which the General Meeting will be called upon to decide. Miss Fairley, First Vice-President of the Canadian Nurses' Association, in her capacity as President of the Registered Nurses' Association of British Columbia, writes under the title, "So you are coming to Vancouver," about the rich opportunities that an enterprising Province has to offer to those in search of new ideas. Many readers of this journal long to take part in the search, but, alas! Vancouver is thousands of miles away.

## CANADIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

### DOMINION REGISTRATION OF NURSES FOR CANADA.

At the general meeting of the Canadian Nurses' Association, held in 1932, it was resolved "that a committee be appointed to formulate some plan whereby a more uniform standard of registered nurse examination may be maintained throughout the Dominion, taking into consideration the further recommendations regarding this subject contained in the Weir report." Subsequently during the general meeting held in Toronto in June, 1934, a special conference of the members of the National Joint Study Committee met to discuss among other topics, the above resolution regarding Dominion registration for nurses, under the presidency of Miss Jean Gunn.

The April number of *The Canadian Nurse* in an article on "Dominion Registration of Nurses," by Miss E. MacPherson Dickson, Chairman of the Committee of the Canadian Nurses' Association on the above subject, reports that as a result of the discussion at this Conference it was agreed:

1. That the principle of Dominion Registration for nurses be approved.
2. That if Dominion Registration is enacted, it be under the control of the Canadian Nurses' Association.
3. That, eventually, provincial qualifying examinations should be eliminated if Dominion registration is established.
4. That a nucleus of a committee on Dominion registration should be appointed by the Canadian Nurses' Association in some locality and that a representative of each province be added to the committee by appointment of each of the Provincial Associations.
5. That the proposed committee on Dominion registration undertake a study of existing standards of nursing education in the various provinces and suggest desirable standards for Dominion registration.

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