

Coronation of our King and this would seem to be a fitting way to celebrate that happy event and to testify to our common heritage and ideals. The Australian Nursing Federation, as a National Nursing Organisation would be quite eligible and I feel very strongly that Australian nurses who have demonstrated 'in so many fields their faculty for overcoming difficulties, can, and will, if given this opportunity by the Nursing Association of each State, surmount any that may exist in solving this problem and bring themselves into line with other nursing organisations throughout the world by affiliating with the International Council of Nurses."

#### NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

The meetings of the Nurses' Missionary League on September 30th were a time of great interest and inspiration. The morning session was attended by a large number of nurses in training at various hospitals, and after an impressive address by Miss Arbutnot (Mildmay Mission Hospital), short talks were given by some sailing members, followed by a keen discussion on the aim of the N.M.L. The wide scope of the League's work was illustrated in the list of 15 sailing members. They represented 15 training schools in different parts of England and Scotland; they were enrolled under 10 different Missionary Societies; six were going to Africa, four to India, two to Iran (Persia), one to Palestine, one to S. America. Among the messages, spoken or read, one told of location to sheer pioneering work in Bechuanaland, to a hospital not yet built, where no medical work had hitherto been done—surely a wonderful sphere of service.

At the afternoon session two addresses were given by Missionary Sisters who had worked overseas for many years. Miss Egan (Mill Road Hospital, Liverpool) showed the vast need in her lonely station in Central Africa where she often had to undertake doctor's duties as well as her own. Miss F. Grindley (Adelaide Hospital, Dublin) gave vivid pictures of the lives, needs and customs of the women of China.

At the evening session, the principal speaker was Sir Henry Holland, C.I.E., M.B., F.R.C.S. In a warm testimony to the work of hospital Sisters overseas, he emphasised its special importance from the evangelistic side. The Sister was matron and superintendent; she might have to carry on for months without a doctor, she had to spend much time in training other nurses, but, above all, she had opportunities far greater than the doctor ever had of giving real spiritual help, for she was in much closer touch with the patients for much longer time. Sir Henry then gave a brief outline of the history of the Quetta Hospital from the time when he went out in 1900: its growth from 26 to 125 beds, the gradual breaking down of suspicion, the wonderful surgical work at Shikarpur, and then the terrible experience of the earthquake in 1935 when hospital and city were wiped out in 11 seconds, he himself being buried until rescued by his son. After that tragedy they had determined that they would keep in touch with the people whose sufferings were so appalling, and the missionaries started at once to work in camp hospitals. Temporary buildings had been erected, and now 180 patients were being tended in a new hut-hospital. In conclusion Sir Henry said: "We are going forward believing that God is with us and convinced that Christ is able to overcome any and every crisis."

The closing address was given by the Rev. F. Houghton, and consisted of a solemn appeal to all who remain at home to support by earnest prayer those who go overseas, and a reminder to the sailing members that they could draw their strength and power from the boundless resources of God.

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

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 20, Portland Place, London, W., on September 25th. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

The Chairman reported the death of Mr. T. Percival West, Auditor to the Council since December, 1923; it was agreed that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to Mrs. West.

The Chairman read the following Resolution which had been received from the British College of Nurses:—

"That the Council of the British College of Nurses is unanimously of opinion that in the interests of the Nursing Profession the time is now relevant when a Registered Nurse should be appointed to fill the office of Registrar to the General Nursing Council for Scotland. Such a professional appointment would appear to be the more equitable as Registered Nurses provide the emoluments for the maintenance of the office of Registrar."

The Chairman pointed out that she read this Resolution for the information of the Council; the General Nursing Council for England and Wales had no say in the matter, but had set the example.

#### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £200 for Postage stamps, £20 for Insurance stamps and £15 for Petty Cash were allowed.

It was agreed in connection with the appointment of an Auditor that it be left in the hands of the Finance Committee to make a recommendation to the Council.

#### Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on September 25th were: General Register, by reciprocity, 31; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by Examination, 24, by reciprocity, 8. Total 66.

It was agreed that 69 nurses, who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

A letter was considered from the Chairman, Nurses' Registration Board, Territory for the Seat of Government, Canberra, Australia, agreeing to terms of Registration by reciprocity between the Board and the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

#### Education and Examination.

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

Wilson Hospital, Mitcham, from September 25th, and Wembley Hospital, Wembley, from July 1st, be provisionally approved for a period of one year as complete Training Schools for Nurses;

Newton Abbot Hospital and Dispensary, in affiliation with Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, be provisionally approved for a period of one year as an affiliated Training School under Section I (1) (c) of the Council's Scheme of Training;

Caernarvonshire and Anglesey Infirmary, Bangor, be now fully approved as a Complete Training School for Nurses;

Malmesbury and District Hospital be now fully approved as a Training School for Nurses in affiliation with the Royal United Hospital, Bath;

The schemes of affiliation between Denbighshire Infirmary, Denbigh, and Wrexham and East Denbighshire War Memorial Hospital, Wrexham; between Abergele Sana-

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