

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., Chairman of the Council, occupied the Chair at the meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, held at 18, Melville Street, Edinburgh, on January 24th, and eight members of the Council were present.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., was unanimously re-appointed Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year, and Col. D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., was unanimously re-appointed Vice-Chairman.

The various committees for the year were constituted and a draft of the Annual Report to be submitted to the Department of Health for Scotland in terms of the Act was gone over and adjusted.

An estimate was accepted for binding copies of the Register, and also an estimate for a fresh supply of booklets as to uniform.

The report of the Education and Examination Committee was submitted and approved. In accordance with the recommendations of the Committee it was resolved to recognise temporarily Doncaster Royal Infirmary for the General Part of the Register and Marland Isolation Hospital, Rochdale, for the Fever Nurses' Part of the Register in order to allow nurses trained at these hospitals to sit the Council's examinations. It was resolved that in the case of all candidates sitting the examinations after leaving their training school a certificate of character on the Council's form must be produced, signed by a minister of religion, medical practitioner, solicitor or responsible householder.

Surely a Registered Nurse should be eligible as a signatory.

## THE PASSING BELL.

### MRS. DOROTHY KEATS.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mrs. Dorothy Keats (*née* Elcock), S.R.N., F.B.C.N., on January 16th after an operation.

Mrs. Keats, who was elected a Fellow of the British College of Nurses in July, 1926, entered St. Giles Hospital, Camberwell, for training in 1906, during the Matronship of Miss F. E. Marquardt, and at its conclusion she was awarded the Medal for her year for "Nursing ability and general efficiency," and was promoted successively to the positions of Ward and Theatre Sister, Sister-in-Charge of the X-ray Department, and Tutor Sister and Assistant Matron, at times taking the Matron's full duty. When a Ward Sister she entered for the Examination held by the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses, and obtained a high place in the first six, including the highest marks in one subject in all England.

On the outbreak of war, she was appointed Matron of the Wimborne Cottage Hospital adapted for receiving wounded, and later acted at the Red Cross Hospital there. In December, 1917, she was married to Dr. W. J. Keats, M.R.C.S., D.P.H., formerly Medical Superintendent of the Camberwell Hospital, and aided him greatly in every form of medical and surgical work at Wanstead until his retirement in September last.

In spite of endless calls upon her time, Mrs. Keats joined the Wanstead Division of the British Red Cross Society, in which she held the rank of Assistant Commandant, and contributed largely to the success of the Division by her lectures on anatomy and nursing.

The funeral service at Brockley Cemetery on January 20th was conducted by the Bishop of Barking (Dr. Inskip). The presence of a large congregation at the cemetery, and

the many lovely floral tributes testified to the great sorrow at the passing of one who had devoted thirty years of her life to promoting the welfare and happiness of others.

The sincere sympathy of the Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses, with that of many other friends, will go out to Dr. Keats in his bereavement.

### MISS ANN CLAPHAM.

We are asked to announce the death of Miss Clapham, which took place after a short illness on Thursday, January 23rd, at the General Infirmary at Leeds.

Miss Clapham, born September 29th, 1862, had almost completed 51 years of service in the Infirmary, entering for training in March, 1885, and being awarded her certificate in April, 1888.

Miss Clapham will have been personally known to a very great number of those who, during that long period of years, have passed through the Leeds Infirmary, obtaining their training there, and having the benefit of Miss Clapham's wise tuition and friendship. She was of such a personality as to have been remembered by all who came into contact with her, and was highly esteemed and her work greatly valued.

After completion of training, Miss Clapham was Sister-in-Charge of the Children's Ward; and in 1916, when this was adapted for the use of the wounded soldiers, she continued in the same position, later being in charge of a ward for pensioners.

She was gazetted A.R.R.C. in April, 1919.

After the war, Miss Clapham was transferred to the male Orthopaedic ward, and has for many years been known with affection as Sister of Ward 20, where her patients were ever her first care.

In view of the widespread desire to provide a fitting memorial to Miss Clapham, an invitation is extended to all who may wish to contribute to this to forward their donations to the Matron of the General Infirmary at Leeds, marked "Clapham Memorial." It is felt that donors will probably wish that the Memorial may concern the Chapel of the Infirmary.

### MISS LOUISA BRODIE.

It is with deep regret that we have received intimation of the death of Miss Louisa Brodie, who for many years has been Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Montrose. We would express to her sisters, Miss E. Brodie, Matron of the Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow, and Miss A. L. Brodie, Matron of the East Riding Mental Hospital, our sincere sympathy in what must be to them a very deep sorrow, for no three sisters were ever better comrades, or more devoted to one another.

Miss Louisa Brodie was trained at the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary and at the Aberdeen City Fever Hospital. She was held in great regard and affection in that historic Northern town which her hospital serves. Indeed, she was one of those whose character was typical of the stock from which she came, for she belonged to the famous family of the Brodies of Brodie who have played no ignoble part in the making of Scottish history and who have contributed something to its legends of sacrifice, heroism and devotion to a cause, whatever the price. Miss Brodie was unostentatious in her devotion to the duties and responsibilities of her position, but she had character and personality that gained regard and confidence and, although she took no prominent part in nursing politics, she had definite views and principles to which she gave ready support and generous help when occasion arose.

Miss Brodie was a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association and a Fellow of the British College of Nurses.

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