

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

NOTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., occupied the chair.

At the April meeting, the Chairman welcomed Dr. W. G. Clark, Medical Officer of Health, Edinburgh, who had been nominated as a Member of Council by the Department of Health for Scotland, in place of the late Dr. A. K. Chalmers, LL.D.

At the June meeting the Council accepted the resignation of Miss J. S. H. Niccol, A.R.R.C., with sincere regret and recorded their appreciation of her services as a Member of Council since 1932.

Education, Examination and Registration.

RESULTS OF MAY, 1942, EXAMINATIONS.

Preliminary Examination.

	Entered.	Passed.
Anatomy and Physiology ...	599	459
Hygiene and Dietetics ...	567	511
Nursing, Part I ...	373	366

Final Examination.

	Entered.	Passed.
General ...	293	266
Fever ...	134	128
Sick Children ...	23	17
Mental ...	37	37
Mental Defective ...	8	8
Male ...	1	1

Reported that 16 Nurses who had passed the Final Examination and had now attained the age of 21, had been registered since the date of last meeting.

Reported 12 applications for re-inclusion in the Register after failure to pay the Retention Fee.

All these applications were approved.

Training School.

The County Hospital, Inverurie, was approved as a complete Fever Training School for Nurses.

Finance.

The Report of the Finance Committee was submitted and approved and the Accounts passed for payment. The Accounts included the sum of £1,296 8s. 1d., being the expenses incurred in connection with the May, 1942, Examinations.

Date of Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council should be held on Friday, July 24th, 1942.

THE PASSING BELL.

St. Dunstan's has lost, by death on holiday, Sister Dilys Evans. She was on the staff of St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean, Brighton, and was transferred with the war-blinded patients to Church Stretton in July, 1940. Trained at Guy's Hospital, and Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, Sister Evans worked at the latter institution until the outbreak of war, when she joined the staff at St. Dunstan's.

She was spending a holiday at her home, and was drowned while bathing. The funeral took place at Capel Curig, within sight of Snowdon, which she loved.

She was much loved by the war-blinded patients and by her fellow members on the staff.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AIR FORCE.

DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Baldwin, Acwm. 2 M.; Gorman, Acwm. 2 M.T.; Jones, Acwm. 2 I.E.; Patterson, A/Sec. Off. H.; Philpott, Acwm. 1 M. I.; Unwin, A/Sec. Off. C. L.

"THE DEAR LORD CARES FOR ME."

The Gardens glistened under snow for weeks, nevertheless the old lady in the shabby hat scattered crumbs so that, come Spring and Summer, the trees and flowers could share with her the inspiration of the birds.

At evensong in high Summer the old lady was seated opposite a *parterre* of roses backed by the tulip tree from the topmost branches of which songsters bid goodnight to the sun. A cluster of chirping sparrows fluttered about her feet enjoying a feast of crumbs.

Then a warning voice was heard—"I suppose you know," said a man in blue bristling with brass buttons "as you are breaking the Law?"

"Who's law?—not Gods," replied the old lady.

"Listen."

"I am only a little sparrow

A bird of low degree,

I have no golden feathers

But the dear Lord cares for me."

"Well! don't you say as I didn't warn you," said the servant of man's Law.

"And don't you say," replied the old lady, rising—"that I obstructed you in the performance of your duty," and she emptied her little bag under the tulip tree.

"You hear," she said, "the urgent sweetness of that blackbird's cry—he is pleading with St. Peter to fling wide the Gates of Highest Heaven, so that when the day's carnage ceases heroic souls may ascend to the foot of the Throne and receive the Divine Accolade which is their due."

The man in blue makes no reply, he is thinking of his only son sweltering, maybe thirsty, in the desert.

Of one thing he is sure, that never again, law or no law, will he see the old lady, in the shabby hat feeding God's creatures!

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Right about face.

Without further ado the Law and the Lady pass out of sight—in opposite directions.

WHAT TO READ.

MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

"Horace Walpole's Correspondence with George Montague." Edited by W. S. Lewis and Ralph S. Brown.

FICTION.

"Scarlet Petticoat." Nard Jones.

"The Shears of Destiny." Winifred Duke.

"The Edge of Darkness." William Woods.

"This was Our Life." Elinor Mordaunt.

"Trevelyan." Angela du Maurier.

"The Sun Climbs Slowly." Brigid Knight.

"Scottish Short Stories." Brigid Knight.

"Miss England." Emmeline Morrison.

"Our Little Town." Adelaide Eden Phillpots.

MISCELLANEOUS.

"Race and Racism." Ruth Benedict.

"Self Defence for Women and Girls." W. E. Fairbairn.

"This Blessed Plot." Hesketh Pearson and Hugh Kingsmile.

"Brief Darkness." Gladys Osborne Leonard.

"Amazon Throne." Berrita Harding.

"The Twilight of France." Alexander Werth.

POETRY.

"Soldiers, This Solitude." Alan Rook.

Have you read "All Our To-morrows" by Douglas Reed? If not, it is your duty to study it, and realise the truth about the War.

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