

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

NOTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND, HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, 1942.

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

Before proceeding to the business of the meeting, the chairman welcomed Miss Jamieson as a Member of Council.

Education, Examination and Registration.

Reported that 14 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 eight applications for reinclusion in the Register after failure to pay the Retention Fee.

All these applications were approved.

Training Schools.

Ayrshire Central Hospital, Irvine, was approved as a Training School for the Fever Part of the Register.

St. Joseph's Certified Institution, Rosewell, Midlothian, was approved as a Training School for the Mental Defective Part of the Register.

Uniform.

The following additions and amendments to the uniform were approved:—

"A peaked cap in navy blue serge trimmed with the registered hatband;

A heavy-weight overcoat in navy blue velour, navy blue fleece or navy blue nap;

The material for the shirt-blouse to be either white silk or cotton or grey silk or cotton; and

As a war-time concession, and in order that the uniform may be obtained free of Purchase Tax, the restriction that the uniform be made only of certain specified serges be removed, and approved makers be free to purchase serges in the best available markets."

Finance.

The report of the Finance Committee was submitted and approved and the accounts passed for payment.

Date of Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on Friday, November 27th, 1942.

A WORD OF WARNING.

Scottish Nurses should keep a vigilant eye on the Assistant Nurse question, for fear that the statesmanlike attitude of Lord Alness on the de-grading proposals of the Athlone Committee should be reversed. This serious matter should be discussed in the open, and not through confidential memoranda.

A LOSS TO NURSING IN SCOTLAND.

The death occurred suddenly, on October 10th, at her home in Ayr, of Miss Janet S. H. Nicol, former Matron of Dundee Royal Infirmary, who resigned quite recently, when warm tribute was paid to her service as Matron during the past 15 years. Before then she was in Seafield Hospital, Ayr.

In 1914, Miss Nicol was called up for service with the 4th Scottish General Hospital at Stobhill, Glasgow, and served there until 1919, with the exception of 18 months when she was a nurse in Salonika.

For many years Miss Nicol was a Fellow of the British College of Nurses, in the work of which she was sincerely interested.

WOMEN FOR WESTMINSTER MOVEMENT.

We agree with the statement of the above Movement that "Parliament needs more women," and if we were half a century younger, we should make an effort to be one of them.

Surely the 100,000 Registered Nurses need representatives in the Commons to protect their interests, which apparently at the moment are entirely ignored; and, moreover, are in a very dangerous position, as their status and economic security are being manipulated by the Ministry of Health without consultation with the rank and file, and, as far as report goes, the few women in the House have failed to study seriously the Nursing Question as it affects either the Registered Nurses or the public they serve.

The Medical profession wisely has ample opinion available in the House and are well organised from a professional point of view. Yes, we need more women in Parliament, but they must study the country's needs. For instance, are women M.P.s going to tackle the London County Council and prevent it foisting semi-trained nurses into the schools to care for the health of London's children? This is only one item; there are many more dangerous proposals on the tapis which need nipping in the bud.

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COMING EVENT.

Nov. 28th: At 3 p.m.—Midland Regional Conference at the Midland Institute, Birmingham. Speakers: Mrs. Corbett Ashby, Mrs. Rebecca D. Sieff, and Miss Hilde Marchant, of the *Daily Mirror*.

WHAT TO READ.**MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.**

"Henry Ponsonby: Queen Victoria's Private Secretary." Lord Ponsonby.

"Pundits and Elephants." The Earl of Lytton.

FICTION.

"One More Flame." Mary Mitchell.

"Marling Hall." Angela Thirkell.

"M'ing Yellow." John P. Marquand.

"Women in Exile." Jean Ross.

"Night Work." John Stuart Atez.

"Garden of Paradise." Stella Morton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

"Prelude to Victory." J. B. Reston.

"Journey for Margaret." W. L. White.

"Apple Acre." Adrian Bell.

"Death and To-morrow." Peter de Polnay.

"The Devil in France." Lion Feuchtwanger.

"The Ragged Guard." Paul Tabori.

"The Human Hand." Dr. Charlotte Wolff.

"Hitler's Speeches." Edited by Norman H. Baynes.

"Russian Glory." Philip Jordan.

"PETAIN—LAVAL; THE CONSPIRACY."

Do not fail to read the booklet, "Petain—Laval; the Conspiracy," with a Foreword by Viscount Cecil. Those of us who have spent many happy days in France have had little doubt of the conspiracy through traitors with Germany for its destruction.

But the day of reckoning is not afar, and may we live to congratulate the great de Gaulle on the day of liberation.

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