

Prior to leaving the service of the Glasgow District Nursing Association, Miss Hamilton was the recipient of various parting gifts. From the Board of Directors she received an armchair, and from the Ladies' Committee of the Association a water-colour picture, which was handed over by Mrs. Craig Robertson at a tea party held in the Ladies' Club, Glasgow. On behalf of the superintendents and nurses in Glasgow, Miss Bell, Superintendent, Strathbungo Home, presented to Miss Hamilton a gold wristlet watch.

PRESENTATIONS TO MISS I. C. DEWAR, LATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR SCOTLAND.

The resignation of Miss I. C. Dewar from the position of Superintendent for Scotland took place recently, and at a meeting of the Scottish Council of the Institute, the Countess of Minto, on behalf of the members, handed over to Miss Dewar a cheque in recognition of her services to the Institute extending over a period of 39 years, 14 of which had been spent as Superintendent. Lady Minto expressed the hope that, although Miss Dewar was no longer to be working with them, she would always remember her friends on the Council, and she referred to the courage with which Miss Dewar had faced the many problems, especially during the war years.

Miss Dewar, in returning thanks for the most generous gift, referred to the interest taken by the members of Council, and the office-bearers in particular, in the welfare of the Queen's Nurses in Scotland, and she acknowledged with gratitude the assistance she had at all times received. She was aware that there would be changes in the future, and she wished the work every success.

At the Annual Reunion of Queen's Nurses in Scotland, opportunity was taken of presenting to Miss Dewar parting gifts from the superintendents and nurses. These, which took the form of cheques, were handed over to Miss Dewar by Miss Chalmers, Superintendent, Perthshire, on behalf of the Scottish Queen's Superintendents' Association, and, in name of Queen's Nurses in Scotland, Miss Christina Carvel, Quarter, asked Miss Dewar's acceptance of a gift from the nurses throughout the country.

From the clerical staff at the office, Miss Dewar was the recipient of a case of solid silver teaspoons and a pyrex dish. Miss Allister, secretary, made the presentation, and referred to the happy relationship that had always existed between the nursing, secretarial, and treasurer's departments in the office, and, on behalf of all members of the staff, she conveyed to Miss Dewar their best wishes for her future health and happiness.

Miss Dewar, in acknowledging the gifts from the superintendents, nurses, and clerical staff, spoke of the loyalty and help she had received during the years she had served as Superintendent for Scotland, and expressed her gratitude at their kindness on the occasion of her retirement.

ARMY NURSING SERVICES.

WELCOME HOME.

Sisters M. K. Thomson, Q.A.I.M.N.S., and M. A. North, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., having been Prisoners of War in Hong Kong since December, 1941, are now safely at home on leave in New Zealand.

A/Matron E. M. B. Dyson, Sisters M. A. L. Currie, E. F. Davies, Q.A.I.M.N.S., G. Colthorpe, D. A. Van Wart, M. J. Whiteley, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., and A. F. Gordon, T.A.N.S., having been Prisoners of War in Hong Kong since December, 1941, have arrived home safely.

Sister E. M. Turner, Q.A.I.M.N.S., has arrived home safely, having been a Prisoner of War in the Netherlands East Indies since the fall of Singapore in February, 1942.

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, 23, Portland Place, London, W., on October 26th. Miss D. M. Smith, O.B.E., R.R.C., presided.

The Chairman reported that Miss Davies, the Registrar, was now better, and hoped to return to duty very shortly.

Business Arising out of the Minutes.

The Chairman reported that on October 17th, Mr. H. N. Linstead, Member of Parliament for Putney, had moved a Motion in the House of Commons concerning what he regards as an injustice to State Registered Nurses in allowing Christian Science Nurses to use the title "Nurse."

After a debate in the House of Commons in which several members took part, Mr. Linstead agreed to withdraw the Motion upon a promise from the Minister of Health that if accommodation cannot be reached, members will be free to move their Motion again.

Correspondence.

It was reported that owing to the infrequency with which Professor Ralph Picken had been able to attend meetings of the General Nursing Council, he had now tendered his resignation from the Council. This resignation we consider a loss to the Council.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £1,325 for weekly salaries, £500 for postage, £70 for Insurance Stamps, and £10 for petty cash were allowed.

It was agreed that the price of the 1945 Supplement to the Register of Nurses for 1944 be £1 1s.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration were: General Register by reciprocity, 11; Supplementary Part of the Register for Nurses for Mental Diseases by reciprocity, 6; for Fever Nurses by examination, 5, by reciprocity, 2. Total 24.

It was agreed that the names of 62 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

List of Nurses.

It was agreed that nine General Nurses, two Male Nurses, and two Fever Nurses be added to the List of Nurses.

Education and Examination.

It was agreed that the Forces Preliminary Examination be approved by the Council under the Provisions of Rule 4 (1) (a) (iii) and that a candidate who has obtained a pass in the Forces Preliminary Examination shall be exempt from the Test Examination of the Council.

It was agreed that the concession of a reduction of six months in the period of training in the case of persons with good wartime nursing experience, approved by Council on July 27th, 1945, shall apply to such persons entering for training for admission to any part of the Register, and that the necessary Amendments be made to the Rules and submitted to the Minister of Health for approval.

It was agreed that the post-registration experience to be undergone by a candidate (four years) prior to entry to an approved Course for Sister Tutors shall, in the case of a candidate registered on more than one part of the Register, date from her admission to the Register to which she was first admitted.

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