

STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION; REPORTS OF UNITS

"The Presidency General Hospital", Calcutta Unit

No. of Members, 46

President.—THE MATRON SUPERINTENDENT.

Secretary.—THE SISTER TUTOR.

Committee.—FOUR NURSES IN TRAINING, One of each year AND one co-opted member also a probationer who is said to possess unusual talent in music and dramatic ability.

This UNIT has started with great enthusiasm, and has given a first-rate concert to their patients. (By an eye-witness) They are already thinking out a concert for Xmas. They also propose to arrange a tennis tournament in the cold weather, picnics, etc.

A Dramatic Society is all so under consideration.

"Bravo CALCUTTA, May your most excellent example be speedily taken up".

The Government General Hospital, Madras Unit

No. of Members, 60

President.—THE MATRON SUPERINTENDENT.

Secretary.—SISTER J. ROBERTS.

Committee.—FOUR NURSES IN TRAINING, to represent Sport, Music, Literature and the Drama.

At a general meeting held in the nurses' lecture hall in September, it was decided to co-opt six other members to form a sub-committee to meet weekly for discussion and arrangement of future activities. A general gathering of the unit will take place once a month.

The GOVERNMENT GENERAL UNIT sends greetings to their friends of the Presidency Hospital Calcutta Unit, and hopes for an exchange of ideas through the Journal from month to month.

A GLIMPSE INTO THE HISTORY OF NURSING IN INDIA

Madras General Hospital

BY A. C. MCA. MUNRO

Was any hospital in India operating before the Madras General Hospital of which we have this record:—

"On November 10, 1664, the Council at Fort St. George wrote to the Agent, Sir Edward Winter, who was then visiting Masulipatam, that 'fresh souldiers' which came forth this year, takeing up their habitation in the bleake wind in the hall, fell sick. Four of them are dead, about ten remain at this time very sick. . . . See rather than see Englishman dropp away like doggs in that manner for want of Christian charity towards them, we have thought it very convenient that they might have an house on purpose for them, and people appointed to look after them and see that nothing comes into them, neither of meat nor drinke, but what the Doctor alloweth."

Don't skim that over and with "Doesn't it sound quaint" bury it away back in the darkness where it first came to light. What we are recording TO-DAY will sound just as quaint to the Superlative Civilization of 2166 A. D. and we won't be there to smile along with them.

Perhaps Ethics will have reached such a standard of perfection by then that only the GRANDEUR of the attempt will strike them. Perhaps Preventative Measures will have attained their ideal and Hospitals, Medicine and Surgery will belong to Past History. Perhaps as far back as 1664 the Council of Fort St. George tried to peer through to 1930.

Oh, if they could only have seen the Madras General Hospital TO-DAY! . . . As I saw it last week when Miss Jeans, the Matron Superintendent, took me through the Wards where all the hundreds of available beds are filled and an overflow averaging another hundred occupy mats. They come in pain; they find relief. From the roof we looked out over the magnificent and spacious new block for Out-Patients clinic, so urgently needed and now rapidly nearing completion,—do you know that an average of fifty patients daily are given the Pasteur treatment there? . . . to mention one department only. When the Reconstruction and Expansion scheme is completed all the land space will be built over. If they could have had but one momentary glimpse into that far flung Future across which we move, and seen the development from their endeavor "for Christian charity," I think they would have rejoiced as did one of old, who said, "Mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people." For verily the Great Physician broods over every such an Hospice.

Do the possibilities of "A History of Nursing in India," grip you, thrill you, carry you back, back, back as far as we have records and then back of that. Does it make you long to see beyond the horizon of TO-DAY?

That brief glance back to 1664 has thrilled me. Miss Jeans did not know how much she was doing for me that day when she handed me that booklet saying, "I hope this will be of help". I have found more than History in it. I have found impetus for the work.

I should love to know who were, "the people appointed to look after them, and see that nothing comes into them neither of food nor drink, but what the Doctor alloweth." I should like to know who the Doctor was and what food or drink he allowed and disallowed. I am glad that there were those who for the sake of "Christian charity" tried to minister to those poor sufferers, many of them no doubt, just boys. But only the Fact is stated and with no Frills. If we could lay hands on some of the letters sent to Merrie England then (via the Cape,—no Suez shortcut in those days) by the "sick souldiers", we might find more than bare History.

Please send material. Friends,—Official, Civil, Military, Missionary please send anything, everything that will contribute to the making of the History of Nursing in India. And, stand not upon the order of its arrangement, i.e., don't feel obliged to sort it out and write it up in shipshape. Send it as notes, cuttings, old letters, reports or prepared sketches, if you can take the time. Where it is wished that any or all of these should be returned, let me know and I shall do so without fail. With your whole-hearted co-operation, the book will materialize; without it I am helpless.

(N. B.—Address material to A. C. McA. Munro, Parlakimedi, S. India.)

FOR THE QUIET HOUR

Work

"By our actions we create events"—

"Power to do good is the true and lawful end of aspiring".

"Boast not of what thou wouldst have done,
But do what thou wouldst
Thou see'st it in thy hand".

"Work is the inevitable condition of human life, the true source of human welfare". Only by labour can thought be made healthy, only by thought can labour be made happy.

"Be not over-eager in the pursuit of anything, for haste often leaves judgment behind and makes work for repentance"; take time to be right.

"Remember to bound thy thoughts to the present occasion and thou wilt do twice the business in the same time.

The channel of great events has often been dug by an insignificant workman and results that look small, for the moment are often mighty for God."

He does not supersede our natural gifts but makes use of them; as the wind moves the air that drives forward ships upon the sea so the spirit of God influences the minds of men to do His Will on the ocean of Time.

"Whatsoever thing thou doest
To the least of Mine and lowest
That thou doest unto Me."

Our fellowship in His service can make fellowship with Christ a reality.

"The end of man is an action not a thought".

Bacon--Tolstoy--Penn--Longfellow.

T. N. A. I. NEWS AND NOTICES

Annual Conference.

NAGPUR, November 19th to 21st, 1930.

See preliminary agenda on page 253.

Will members who intend coming to Conference fill in the registration slip and send it to Miss Stitt, Mure Hospital, Nagpur, C. P., before 5th November. Registration slips should not be sent to the Secretary.

The attention of members is drawn to bye-laws 4 to 7 in connection with attendance at Conference. The bye-laws read as follows:—

4. *Active Members.*—Active members shall be entitled to vote and shall be eligible for office.
5. *Student Members and Affiliated Unions.*—Student members and members of affiliated Unions shall not be allowed to vote or to hold office, but may participate in discussions at the Annual Conference. Representatives of affiliated unions on the executive committee may vote only on matters concerning their unions unless they are also full T.N.A.I. members.
6. *Honorary Members* will be welcomed as subscribers to the Journal and also to be present at the Annual Meeting. They shall not hold office and shall have no vote.
7. *Guests.*—All members of the Association shall have the privilege of inviting special guests to the general sessions of the Annual Meeting, subject to the decision of the Executive Committee.

Bombay District.

Miss Burrows will be "At Home" to all members of T. N. A. I., Bombay District at the K. E. M. Hospital, Bombay, on 25th October to discuss matters to come before T. N. A. I. Conference.

Gujarat District.

Miss F. Taylor, District Secretary for Gujarat would be glad to hear from members in the District with a view to organizing a meeting to discuss T. N. A. I. affairs prior to Conference.

Exhibition of Hospital Appliances.

It is desired that at Conference this year we shall endeavour to help one another by bringing or sending for exhibit any appliances that have been invented or improvised for use in hospitals in India. Such appliances may be very simple, they very often are, and yet they may not have occurred to others. Will members please send to Miss Stitt, Local Conference Secretary, Mure Hospital, Nagpur an example of any such appliances, if they cannot bring them themselves. All exhibits should be plainly marked with description, sender's name and address, and whether the exhibit is to be returned or not.

A vote will be taken at Conference on the best exhibit and a prize awarded.

Patroness.

We are glad to announce that H. E. Lady Skyes has graciously consented to become a Patroness of our Association, and we heartily welcome her, trusting that our Association together may be happy and helpful.

T. N. A. I. Handbook.

This is being sent to the press for printing this month, but information is still required regarding

Private Nursing Homes,
Hospitals with X-Ray apparatus,
Hospitals with Radium Plant.

Will members kindly furnish information they may have on these points before October 15th?

Registration of Nurses and Midwives.

The Madras Nurses' and Midwives' Act, 1926, came into force in the Madras Presidency from 14th February, 1928, and the registration of Nurses and Midwives was started from the 1st of April, 1929, after the Council had framed bye-laws under the Act. The period of three years within which nurses and midwives are required to be registered by Section 10 (1) of the Act will expire on 14th February, 1931. Nurses, Midwives and Dhais practising in the Presidency of Madras are, therefore, advised to apply for registration under the Act at an early date in order that their names may be included in the Register of Nurses, Midwives and Dhais in this Presidency. This Register will be published for the information of the public. Forms of application and further particulars regarding registration may be obtained from the Registrar, Madras Nurses' and Midwives' Council, No. 81, Mount Road, Cathedral P.O., Madras.

WANTED. Healthy well-trained nurse for responsible staff position at Mary Wilson Sanatorium.

Apply to—L. E. BELL,
Tilainia, Via Kishangarh,
Rajputana.

T. N. A. I. Annual Conference

To be held at Nagpur, November 19th to 21st

The Programme will include the following items:—

Opening Service

President's Address

Confirmation of the Minutes of last Conference and discussions arising out of same.

Election of Officers for the coming Year

Reports of the Secretary, Editor of the Journal, Business Manager, Treasurer, and of Local Secretaries.

The Hon. Organising Secretary of the newly-formed Student Nurses' Association will give a report of Progress.

The possibility of having a supplementary Register for Nurses who are not eligible for full T. N. A. I. Membership.

The proposed formation of a Christian Nursing Association and its possible relation to the T. N. A. I.

Combined membership of T. N. A. I., H. V. L., and M. U.

Life or Perpetual Membership of T. N. A. I. vide p. 248 this Journal.

Papers and Discussions will include some of the following subjects:—

Osteo-Malacia to be followed by a drama on the same subject

Kala-Azar,

Nursing Education as applied to Indian Hospitals

Village Health Work and the relation of the Nurse thereto

Child Welfare Work.

Social Programme will include:

"At Home" at the Mure Hospital by kind invitation of the Nursing Superintendent

Picnic tea to the Gorewara Tank.

A Musical evening arranged by Mrs. Macnans at her home.

Charge per day for those attending will be Rs. 2-8-0. This will cover all board and lodging.

Expenses: Payments to be made to Miss Stitt, Organiser and Chief hostess of the Conference. Members are invited to fill up the Registration forms attached and send to Miss Stitt, if possible, not later than November 5th.

Of Luck

'Tis the coward who stops at misfortune;

'Tis the knave who changes each day;

'Tis the fool who wins half the battle,

Then throws all his chances away

There's little in life but labour,

And to-morrow may prove but a dream—

Success is the bride of endeavour,

And luck but a meteor's gleam

To remove marks caused by damp glasses or bottles on a polished table, rub with vaseline, and leave for three or four hours; then wipe off with a soft cloth and polish.

NEW MEMBERS' LIST FOR OCTOBER, 1930

No.	Name	Training Schools	Present Address
433	Miss M. E. Buckley.	Brownlow Hill Hospital, Liverpool, England, Queen's District Training, Cardiff, Wales, and Queen's Midwifery Training, Cheltenham, England. 4 years. 1913-1917.	Welsh Mission Hospital, Shillong Assam.
514	„ F. A. Vale ...	At. Mary's Hospital, London W. 2. and East-End Mothers Lying-in Home, Stepney, England. 4 years.	Holdsworth Memorial Hospital, Mysore City.
527	„ A. M. Phillips ...	Borough Hospital, Bootle, Nr. Liverpool, England. 3 years.	Chief Principal Matron in India, Q. A. I. M. N. S., Medical Directorate, Army Headquarters, Simla.
574	„ L. W. Bartz ..	Nederlandish and Israelitish Hospital, Amsterdam, Holland. 4 years.	No. 22, Main Road, Ranchi, Bihar.
596	Mrs. L. Maidment ...	Women's Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, Punjab 4 years. Oct. 1915-Oct. 1919.	V. J. Hospital, Kapurthala.
612	Miss J. V. Johns ...	Women's Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, Punjab. 4 years.	Green Hospital, Manipay, Ceylon.
619	„ A. L. Knowles ..	Bedford County Hospital, England and York Road Lying-in Hospital, London. 3 years and 4 months.	Lady Superintendent, Civil Hospital, Amritsar, Punjab.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS LIST FOR OCTOBER, 1930

No.	Name	Present Address
M.U. 63.	Mrs. I. B. Jones ...	Nurses' Quarters, Medical College Hospital, Patna.
M.U. 26.	„ G. M. Akehurst ...	Telegraph Quarters, Chittagong, A. B. Ry.
574.	Miss D. B. Slater ...	G. I. P. Ry. Hospital, Byculla, Bombay.
19.	„ E. M. Bowden ...	Thomason Hospital, Agra.
562.	„ S. R. Biswas ...	Dhanbad Dispensary Hospital, Dhanbad, E. I. Ry.
233.	„ M. Cameron ...	U. C. C. Mission, Rutlam, C. I.
589.	„ F. M. Jones ...	Whittier Hall, 1230 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City, U.S.A.
311.	„ D. M. Houghton ...	209, George Street, New Brunswick N. J., U.S.A.
197.	Mrs. E. Thornber ...	Fernleigh, Main Road, Dadar, Bombay.
59.	Miss C. E. Eriksson ...	Evansville, Minnesota, U.S.A.
90.	„ E. P. D. Lillilund ...	Danish Mission Hospital, Virudachalam, S. Arcot Dist.
218.	„ M. A. Coltart ...	C/o Miss M. Cameron, U. C. C. Mission, Rutlam, C. I.
333.	„ M. L. Hannah ...	Northwood, New Hampshire U.S.A.
553.	„ C. P. Gray ...	MacRobert Hospital, Dhariwal, North India.
127.	„ J. I. Robson ...	Moncrieff Manse, Alloa, Scotland.
H.V.L. 50.	Mrs. E. J. Mathews ...	Army Health Visitor, 95 Jullunder Cantt.
365.	Miss E. F. Lancaster ...	St. Mary-at-Hill Rectory, Eastcheap, London, E. C. 3.