

when she suggested omitting the words "in training or superintending nurses." It is a pity because we do not think that Scotland would have objected, and it would have enabled England to have considered more, probably many more, applications of the kind to which we are referring. We do not believe the solution to this question will afford the satisfaction that was looked for, and it may be necessary for the new Council to consider it again.

A HOT AIR BOTTLE.

Hot water bottles are indispensable for sick patients; indeed most people who are well use them in winter. They have, however, certain disadvantages, they wear out, they leak if worn or if badly stoppered, and they need filling with hot water. To overcome these objections, a bottle has been designed which is heated by radiation from a hot plate. Thwaite's Hot Air Radiator consists of a rounded metal case which unscrews in the middle; inside is placed a small iron plate which is first heated on a stove or gas ring for 6 minutes. The plate heats the air inside and keeps the bottle hot for many hours; there is no risk of bursting or leaking. The radiator may be obtained from Messrs. Richardson and Sons, 194, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, S.W. 1. Price 10s. 6d., aluminium; 12s. 6d., copper; 15s. nickel-plated.

THE FIRST PROVINCIAL CENTRE

OF THE

"TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA."

AS an outcome of the suggestion made at the last Conference of the Trained Nurses' Association of India in January of this year, several nurses in S. India felt that it would be a very good thing to establish a Provincial Centre in the Madras Presidency. All members of the Association in the Presidency were written to and their opinion asked. Most of the letters were answered and a very large majority of nurses were very keen that something should be done.

A meeting was held on October 19th at the Rainy Hospital, Madras, and the matter was thoroughly discussed. The great difficulty felt by all was the great distance which separates so many members. We are very anxious to start some scheme which may specially benefit isolated members. In a town like Madras and other large centres in the Presidency, nurses can arrange to meet, but it is the nurse who is far away up-country who is apt to get out of touch with what is going on in the nursing world.

The following resolutions were moved and carried :—

Miss Feare moved that "members of the Trained Nurses' Association of India here present constitute themselves the Madras Provincial Centre of the Trained Nurses' Association of India and that Miss Sutherland be Secretary."

Seconded by Miss Coulthurst and passed.

Miss Sutherland moved that the representative for Southern India on the Trained Nurses' Association of India executive, be *ex-officio* President of the Madras Provincial Centre.

Seconded by Miss Ferguson and passed.

Various suggestions were made.

We should like to circulate nursing papers. The following papers have been promised: 'British Journal of Nursing' and 'Nursing Times Weekly' and two American monthly papers 'American Nursing Journal' and 'The Ideal Nurse'. If any other member gets nursing papers and would care to pass them on, even though they may be the same as those already promised, I should be glad to hear from her. I hope to have the names, by the beginning of January, of those wishing to have papers and we hope the scheme will be a success.

The question of subsequent meetings was discussed. In Madras it is easy to arrange for meetings. Could nurses in other towns or districts of the Presidency not arrange to meet occasionally? A social afternoon with one or two papers on interesting topics followed by discussion might easily be arranged. We hope that meetings may be held at the various hill stations during the hot weather.

We would like to see more Indian nurses taking an interest in affairs connected with their profession. Would it be possible to admit them to membership of the Association or to associate them with it? The majority of Indian nurses do not have a full "general training." They are not required to nurse men and therefore work in male wards and accident work does not come into their training and yet they are as fully trained as they are required to be.

The standard required of Indian nurses for the South Indian Medical Missionary Examination is quite a high one. As far as we know, all our candidates are of good moral character. Only hospitals with a fully trained European (or American) Nursing Superintendent supervising the training of nurses, can send up candidates for the examination. Could our nurses in some way be reorganised by the Trained Nurses' Association of India? We should like the opinion of Conference about this.

No arrangement was made about the date or place of the next meeting. If possible it would be well to meet early in the New Year and to have a report from those of our members who have been at the Agra Conference. At any rate, a report about the Conference will be circulated to members in the Presidency.

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