

Progress of State Registration.

The Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses met at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Wednesday last, when one hundred applications for membership were considered. The names of the new members and a report of the business transacted will appear next week.

MENTAL NURSES AND REGISTRATION.

The Executive Committee of the Asylum Workers' Association has received a report from the Parliamentary Sub-Committee on the Nurses' Registration Bill, in which it is suggested that the adequacy of representation for mental nurses would require careful consideration, when the proportionate number of hospital trained and of asylum trained nurses likely to be registered had been ascertained. The Executive Committee expressed the view that, considering the number of the latter qualified for admission to the Register would probably not be far short of ten thousand, some further representation should be asked for.

WELCOME HELP.

We acknowledge with sincere thanks the following donation towards the expenses of the Nurses' Registration Bill: Miss E. Theodora Unwin, 5s.

REGISTRATION IN IRELAND.

The Irish Nurses' Association held a public meeting at the Royal College of Surgeons, in Dublin, on Tuesday, to further the Nurses' Registration Bill. Mr. J. Lentaigne, F.R.C.S.I., presided.

This Association has also carefully considered the proposed amendments to the Registration Bill, and on Thursday, the 24th ult., Miss Huxley and Mrs. Kildare Treacy attended a meeting of the Council of the Irish Medical Association at the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, to consult concerning details of legislation, when the following resolutions were passed unanimously:

Proposed by Dr. J. Singleton Darling, and seconded by Mr. J. Wallace Boyce:—

That this Conference heartily affirms the principle of the registration of nurses as embodied in the "Nurses' Registration Bill."

Proposed by Dr. W. I. de C. Wheeler, seconded by Sir Charles B. Ball:—

That this Conference is strongly of opinion that Ireland should be included in the Bill providing for the State registration of nurses, and that it should be adequately represented on the Council.

Consideration of the Bill of July, 1908, was then proceeded with clause by clause, and amendments unanimously agreed to.

Fever Nurses' Association.

The following interesting note has been officially communicated to us:—

The Education Committee of this Association is preparing a list of fever hospitals which will be recognised by the Association as training schools for fever nurses. Such hospitals must meet the following conditions:—

1. If for the fever training of nurses who have been, or are being, general trained, they must have at least one resident medical officer and must accommodate at least 100 patients who are not all convalescents.

2. If for the training of nurses who have not undergone, and are not undergoing, general training, they must have at least one resident medical officer or physician who visits and has charge of the hospital, and must accommodate at least 80 patients who are not all convalescents.

Medical Officers and Matrons of fever hospitals that fulfil the above requirements are invited to communicate at once with one of the Honorary Secretaries of the Association, Dr. Biernacki, Plaistow Hospital, London, E., or Miss L. A. Morgan, Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill, London, N.

The Education Committee has adopted a scheme of training which will apply to all hospitals recognised by the Association. This scheme will be defined in a syllabus of lectures and a schedule of ward instruction. The final examination paper will be issued by the Association to all hospitals on the list where candidates are prepared to enter for the test. After two years from the time that this system of training and examination is put in force, no fever nurse will be admitted to the Register of the Association unless she passes the examination, which will also include a practical test.

Registration by the Association is certain to become the standard of efficiency, and it will also confer on the fever nurse the definite status which she does not at present possess. Thus, hospitals recognised by the Association will attract the best type of probationer; such recognition will be a guarantee that the training is good, and will enable the nurse to Register when her training is completed.

The Education Committee hopes that applications will be received from all institutions entitled to a place on the official list of recognised fever hospitals.

The desire for co-operation and for the definition of a standard of efficiency amongst nurses in all branches of work is one of the signs of the times.

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