

—instead of the *One Portal*—system of admission to the nursing profession, and thus depreciate the standard of three years' general training.

(3) The inclusion on the State Register without further fee of registered members of the College of Nursing. Registered members of the R.B.N.A. and other nurses' organizations demand equal treatment, during the term of grace, for all nurses who conform to the standard of training approved by the First General Nursing Council.

(4) To the regulation dealing with the Constitution of the General Nursing Council, as the number of representatives each body is to nominate is omitted.

(5) To the immediate dissolution of the Provisional Council, on which the Organized Nurses' Societies are to have representation through the Central Committee, as it is to be "forthwith" disbanded after having prepared for the Privy Council the rules regulating the constitution of the General Nursing Council, which latter body will prepare and present all the Rules and Regulations to which the registered nurses will have to conform.

The Committee agreed that the Petition to the Prime Minister safeguarding the rights of organized nurses in this connection should therefore be pushed forward with all energy, as their exclusion in the Seventh Draft of the College Bill from participating in framing the Rules they have to obey, is one more proof of the determination of the nominated College Council to override professional opinion in the future, as they have done in the past.

(6) To the control of "registered nurses" by the Nurse Training Schools, which have no responsibility for them, unless in the employment of hospitals to which such schools are attached.

(7) The establishment of Local Boards in parts of the United Kingdom, other than Boards national in character, in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

(8) The omission of any special provision for reciprocal training to qualify for registration.

The Executive Committee considered that the Bill drafted by the Central Committee, which is the outcome of many years' thought and collaboration of those who have promoted the State Registration movement, is a better Bill than that drafted by the College of Nursing, Ltd., and it unanimously decided to support it and to further its promotion in Parliament.

After the election of new members, the meeting terminated.

MARGARET BREAY,

Hon. Secretary.

POOR LAW INFIRMARY MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Poor-Law Infirmary Matrons' Association was held on October 26th at the Eustace Miles Restaurant. Miss Gibson occupied the chair.

Miss Barton, on behalf of the Association, presented Miss Stansfeld with a handsome bag as a small token of its great gratitude for her continual kindness and sympathy, her helpfulness to all the members of the Association, and their very real regret at her retirement.

Miss Stansfeld, in thanking the Association for their gift, spoke with appreciation of the work which had been done by the Infirmary Matrons, and of the pleasure her association with them had always given her.

Miss Gibson read the result of the ballot for the hon. officers of the Association, which was as follows:—*President*: Miss Barton, R.R.C., Matron, Chelsea Infirmary; *Hon. Secretary*: Miss Alsop, Matron Kensington Infirmary; *Hon. Treasurer*: Miss Inglis, Shoreditch Infirmary. *Committee*: Miss Bodley, Matron Selly Oak Infirmary, Birmingham; Miss Clark, Matron West Ham Infirmary; Miss Dodds, R.R.C., Matron Bethnal Green Infirmary; Miss Dowbiggin, R.R.C., Matron Edmonton Infirmary; M.s.s Hannaford, O.B.E., Matron Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum; Miss Masters, Matron Leicester Infirmary; Miss Mowatt, Matron Whitechapel Infirmary; Miss Myles, Matron Brighton Infirmary; Miss Elma Smith, Matron City of Westminster Infirmary, Hendon; Miss M. Smith, R.R.C., Matron West Didsbury Infirmary, Manchester; Miss Williams, Matron Cardiff Infirmary; Miss Seymour Yapp, Matron Ashton-under-Lyne Infirmary.

Miss Helen Todd gave a very interesting account of the work which she has been doing temporarily in connection with the Royal Army Flying Corps. This was illustrated by some very beautiful photographs, which were handed round. After some hearty votes of thanks, those present were entertained to tea in the Restaurant, the guests included Miss Amy Hughes, Miss Wilde, and Miss Leigh.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

A Sale of Work in aid of the Nurses' Missionary League will be held on Saturday, November 9th, at Sloane Gardens House, 52, Lower Sloane Street, London, S.W. 1, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In spite of the many claims made upon everyone at this time, the Committee of the Nurses' Missionary League earnestly invite help. The past year has brought the League fresh and increased opportunities for usefulness, and it depends largely upon the Annual Sale for its income.

Useful or fancy articles, especially undergarments and children's clothes, comforts for the troops, biscuits, soap, or money will be gratefully received, and should be sent to Miss H. Y. Richardson at the above address.

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