

New Board of Ophthalmic Nursing.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the formation of the New Board of Ophthalmic nursing is yet another step forward in the nursing world of specialisation.

It is now over five years since Miss MacKellar, Matron of Moorfields Eye Hospital, first arranged a meeting of Ophthalmic Matrons from all over Britain, to discuss her suggestions for the formation of such a Board, which would be responsible for standardising Ophthalmic Nursing throughout the country.

Although the Ophthalmic Matrons welcomed Miss MacKellar's suggestions warmly, she encountered much opposition from many other sources. Undeterred however by such opposition, Miss MacKellar, as Matron of Moorfields Eye Hospital, has always urged that if patients throughout the country were to have the best possible Ophthalmic nursing, then it was desirable that a national standard of training should be available for Nurses who decided to specialise in this highly-skilled type of work.

Recently the inaugural meeting of the Board took place and was represented by the following people :—

Area	Medical	Nursing
London		
(Metropolitan)	Mr. F. W. Law	Miss M. B. MacKellar
South ..	Mr. N. Gridland	Miss F. L. R. Stevens
Midlands ..	Mrs. D. R. Campbell	Miss C. H. McDonald
West and South Wales	Mr. J. W. Tudor	
	Thomas	Miss U. Farfor
North East	Mr. A. McKie Reid	Miss M. S. Welbon
North West and North Wales ..	Mr. H. Vernon	Miss C. C. Ingram
		Wheatcroft
Scotland ..	Mr. G. I. Scott	Miss W. E. Lister
Ireland ..	Mr. J. R. Wheeler	Miss M. Crowley

Miss MacKellar and her colleagues would be justified in feeling that the hard work put into the early stages is well worth-while, particularly since the support of the Faculty of Ophthalmologists is most inspiring, and the far-reaching results to the Ophthalmic patient will inevitably prove inestimable, and to the Nurse, an assured high standard of training with the greatest possible opportunities ahead.

An Important Appointment.

WE HAVE TO CONGRATULATE Miss Gladys Mary Hardy, S.R.N., D.N. (Lond.), F.B.C.N. upon her appointment as Matron of the Western Hospital, Fulham.

Trained at the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent. Miss Hardy has been Matron of the Battersea General Hospital, of the Mater Infirmorum at Belfast, and of the Surrey County Sanatorium, Milford.

A woman of great ability and wide interests, together with knowledge gained in travel, Miss Hardy will be able to spread her wings over this large hospital of 476 beds, and use her talents for the benefit of the sick and the staff in this particular corner of the great metropolis.

A great internationalist, Miss Hardy represented the British College of Nurses, Ltd., at the International Congress of Nurses in Atlantic City, N.J., U.S.A., in 1947.

The British College of Nurses, Ltd.

THE TENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was held at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Wednesday, January 30th, 1952, at 3 p.m.

The President, Miss Helena McLoughlin, S.R.N., F.B., C.N., was in the Chair, supported by Miss M. E. Thurnham, Vice-President, Mrs. Thomas Barber, D.N., (Lond.), Miss M. Wakefield, and Miss A. S. Bryson, Fellows, Miss A. R. Bunch and Miss Beatrice West, Members.

Prayers having been read, the President called upon the Hon. Secretary, Miss A. Stewart Bryson, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., to read the notice convening the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Tenth Annual Report for the Year 1950-51.

In presenting the Audited Accounts for the year 1950-51, the Council reports a deficiency of Income of £1,135, which amount is deducted from the surplus brought forward from the previous year of £14,829 leaving a balance of £13,694 to be carried forward.

Retired Members of Council

This year the Council lose by rotation the greatly appreciated services of Miss F. R. Roberts, Fellow, and Miss M. Gerard, Member.

New Members of Council.

The following nominations for election have been received from Miss Beatrice Cooper, Fellow, and Miss Beatrice M. West, Member.

We look forward to the help we feel sure the valuable experience of these ladies will bring to the Council's deliberations.

The Council has kept continually in active touch with members, and has dealt effectively with all the business of the College with economy.

The clerical staff have attended daily throughout the year and performed their respective duties with admirable despatch, and here the Council desires to place on record its gratitude to Miss B. A. Bowering for her valuable services in connection with the College office.

Registration Day.

The Ceremony of Registration Day took place on Wednesday, February 28th, in the Library. During a most enjoyable Tea a large gathering of Fellows and Members and friends witnessed the Cutting of the Cake (which was the gift of our generous and loyal Australian Colleagues), by the President, Miss H. McLoughlin and Miss M. Thurnham, Vice-President.

Educational Activities.

Cultural Lectures other than those pertaining to the Nursing Profession have in the past greatly appealed to Fellows and Members, therefore among other educational activities, Mr. Francis Edwards delivered a further Course of Lectures on "The Drama." This branch of English Literature was greatly appreciated under Mr. Edward's tuition.

The Dr. Bedford Fenwick Memorial.

The Council hope under this Memorial Scheme that it will be possible for a scholar to attend the next International Council of Nurses Quadrennial Congress probably to be held in 1953.

Bring and Buy Sale.

Bearing in mind how very costly it will be to attend as a delegate at the next International Congress of Nurses to be

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