

The Infectious Hospitals Matrons' and Nurses' Association.

A MEETING OF THE Infectious Hospitals Matrons' and Nurses' Association was held, by the kind permission of the Management and Miss S. A. Ramsay, Matron, at Coppetts Wood Hospital, Coppetts Road, Muswell Hill, London, N.10, on Saturday, September 4th, 1954, at 3 p.m.

The President, Miss A. A. Ward, S.R.N., was in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed and the President felt sure all would be gratified that in business arising out of the Minutes concerning the suggestions *re the Syllabus of Training*—sent from this Association, the following replies has been received from:—

(a) THE MINISTER OF HEALTH.

Ministry of Health,
Savile Row, London, W.1.
July 19th, 1954.

DEAR MADAM,

I am writing on behalf of the Minister to thank you for your letter of June 24th, about the Fever Nurses Register, and to say that your Association's suggestions have been given careful consideration and will be borne in mind. The syllabus of training is, of course, a matter for the General Nursing Council and no doubt you will have sent a copy of the Association's suggestions to the Council.

The Minister has asked me to express his thanks for the Vote of Thanks you so kindly sent him.

Yours faithfully,
G. W. JAMIESON.

(b) BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.
July 8th, 1954.

DEAR MISS STEWART BRYSON,

Dr. Macrae, the Secretary of the Association, who is in Glasgow at the moment, has asked me to acknowledge your letter of the 24th and to thank you for the kind note informing the Association of the vote of thanks passed at the Annual Meeting of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' and Nurses' Association.

The circular issued by the Minister of Health was welcomed by the Association, I shall arrange for your letter to be placed before the appropriate committee in order that they may be informed of the suggestions regarding the proposed revision of the Syllabus of Training for the Fever Nurses Register.

Yours sincerely,
A. V. KELYNACK, M.D.

(c) THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

23, Portland Place, London, W.1.
July 5th, 1954.

DEAR MADAM,

Thank you for your letter of June 24th, addressed to the Chairman. The suggestions of your Association on the revision of the Fever Syllabus will be reported to the Education and Examination Committee at their next meeting.

Yours faithfully,
M. HOUGHTON.

The kind acceptance of Miss I. Gregory, Matron, Clayponds Hospital, to act as Hon. Secretary for the present was reported and gratitude expressed.

An item in the correspondence, i.e. a letter from the Association members of the Kendray Hospital, Barnsley, Yorks—Nursing Staff—enclosing a cheque for £5 towards the cost of dues payable to the National Council of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was received with acclamation, and the Vice-President, Miss L. Withers, Matron, was congratulated on this splendid example shown by her staff.

Formation of Executive Committee.

The following members were unanimously elected:—

Miss M. Phillips, S.R.N., Matron, Monsall Hospital, Manchester.

Miss M. King, S.R.N., Matron, Leeds Road Hospital, Bradford.

Miss E. J. Cook, S.R.N., S.C.M., M.R.C.N., Matron, Isolation Hospital, Haine, Ramsgate, Kent.

Miss M. W. Harris, S.R.N., R.F.N., Matron, Haymeads Hospital, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

Miss M. A. Ramsay, S.R.N., R.F.N., Matron, Coppetts Wood Hospital, Coppetts Road, Muswell Hill, N.10.

Miss D. Johnson, S.R.N., R.F.N., Sister Tutor, Coppetts Wood Hospital, Coppetts Road, Muswell Hill, N.10.

Miss G. Sharpe, S.R.N., late Matron of Woodford Green Sanatorium, Woodford Green, Essex.

Miss Beatrice West, S.R.N., R.F.N., late Matron, Isolation Hospital, Mays Lane, Barnet.

The Royal Garden Party.

The President, Vice-President and Hon. Secretary, who had the honour of attending the Royal Garden Party held by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, by the request of the meeting, related their experience of that happy event.

A Badge for the Association was considered, and it was found that on information received from the makers, the cost of each badge designed in oxidised silver would be 10s. 9d. without safety chain and 11s. 6d. with chain.

It was decided to ask members who wish to have one to send cheque or P.O. in payment of the one wished for to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible, so that the order may be put in hand.

Applications were received and members elected.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Executive Committee be held, by the kind invitation of the Matron, at Neasden Hospital, Brentfield Road, London, N.W.10, on Saturday, November 27th, 1954, at 3 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

The members then were entertained to tea by the Matron and her staff, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Ramsay and the management, for the privilege of meeting at Coppetts Wood Hospital and for the very kind hospitality extended to everyone.

Book Review.

Any Hope, Doctor? *

By Irene Gates, M.D.

A CHRONICLE OF A quarter of a century of a doctor's life. Irene Gates, M.D., believes human problems to be the root cause of illness. Furthermore, that they cannot be separated from National and World problems.

"This is a very sick world," she says.

She gives us glimpses of her patients, showing the effect of their emotions on the body. Fear, anxiety, nervous strain, etc.

She has unlimited faith in divine guidance, and a passionate desire to give herself, to the utmost, to the care and healing of the sick. She seems to give them a "moral rearmament." In fact, in the early chapters she speaks of a movement by this name, which originated in U.S.A. years ago.

She is obviously endowed with a gift to inspire confidence, and soon sees the problems causing the illness.

It may be that her humble confession of her own shortcomings, in some cases, encourages the unburdening of frustrating "prisons" in others.

Worthy of any bookshelf.

D.B.

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