

Miss Stewart Bryson and Miss Gregory also put in much time and endless hard work; without this unfailing help we should have fared rather badly. They, too, helped in a great way towards our success.

There is much that one could say, but time does not permit. I feel that something great has been achieved, and I know Fever qualified nurses are happy about it. It should not end here.

One thing I would stress is that now we have been rescued from the brink, we must work harder than ever to retain our status, and that we can only do by remaining loyal to our part of the Profession, to do all we possibly can to make it a success, and that every qualified nurse be a friend to all and a sister to every other qualified Fever Nurse, and to encourage and help all who are in the field of Fever Hospitals. Personally, I am very proud of the Fever-trained nurse. She has had much to contend with for many years, especially from nurses in other parts of the Profession. She has portrayed great character, and has taken everything in her stride, and quietly carried on. In my opinion she has always behaved in a grown-up manner, and ignored the insults, etc., that she has had to contend with, realising that others were jealous of her, and by their behaviour were still in the adolescent stage in spite of their age of training. A Registered Fever Nurse working in her own special Branch, is as much qualified as a State Registered Nurse is in hers.

I am sure that, after hearing some of our visitors speak to-day, the Fever-trained nurse will be more enlightened. I know I must not take up too much time, but I would like to add that I hope all who are here to-day, will make a very special effort to support and maintain our Association.

Madam Chair, Members of Committee on behalf of all here to-day, thank you very much indeed for honouring us with your presence, and I must add that I sincerely hope that the Meeting to-day is only the first of many that we shall have at Kendray.

The President, Miss A. A. Ward, on rising, expressed herself very grateful to the members who by their splendid attendance had brought a sense of encouragement and enthusiasm in their active response to help in the work which had been done, and in which marked success had been won.

The chairman considered that we could never have achieved what we have without Miss Withers, whom we had also to thank for the remarkable hospitality extended to us on this visit and of the privilege of seeing round this very fine Hospital; she was much impressed.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Among a large number of letters of regret for absence received the meeting much regretted the unavoidable absence of Miss M. Harris, an ardent supporter of the Association's activities.

Reply from the Minister of Health.

A letter was received from Dr. Claxton, assistant secretary, British Medical Association, saying that they had learned that the Minister has issued a circular "indicating that the Register for Fever Nurses will not be closed." Here the President reminded the meeting that all the Medical Societies concerned had given most helpful and generous support to the campaign of the Association to maintain the Fever Nurses Register; and that a vote of thanks be sent, was unanimously agreed.

The leaflet sent from the Ministry, referring to the continuance of the Fever Nurses Register and the proposed revision of Syllabus of Training for the Fever Register were considered, and it was agreed: (a) That qualified Sister Tutors should be considered eligible to give the necessary lectures in dietetics; (b) That items which were previously minus and now on the syllabus, cover a more comprehensive field than before; (c) It was proposed and carried unanimously that local hot wet packs, alleviation of pain in the early stages of Poliomyelitis have proved more beneficial than palliative measures in many cases, and should still be

included in the syllabus; (d) The Welfare attention for patients after discharge from hospital, was considered to be a welcome addition to the syllabus.

The Formation of Executive Committee.

It was proposed that Members should form groups in their own districts, from each of which a representative could be elected to serve as a member of the executive committee. Miss Phillips, Matron of Monsall Hospital, and Miss M. King, Matron, Leeds Road Hospital, Bradford, volunteered to form a group.

Miss A. Stewart Bryson, Hon. Treasurer, reported a satisfactory financial statement.

A hearty vote of thanks to the President, Miss Ward, Miss Bryson and Miss Gregory, was proposed by Miss Steele and seconded by Miss Charlesworth, Sisters of Kendray Hospital.

The business of the meeting over, Miss Edith M. F. Pritchard, just over from America, gave the audience a most interesting talk of her experience, the conditions and progress in that country and South Africa.

Then followed a delicious tea of home-made scones and dainty cakes, all in the true Yorkshire tradition of kind hospitality.

A Tour of the Hospital.

Kendray Hospital stands high on the hill, and as the visitors pass through the fine gateway they find the approach still rises until the main entrance of the Nurses' Home is gained.

Passing up the steps of this substantial and pleasing building, the main entrance hall is reached, where the hall, of charming, gracious proportions is entered; walking across the parquet floor the nurses' sitting-room is entered; this is a large, well-lighted room, where most effective are the decorations and furnishings in tones of misty greys and blues; and gay with vases of daffodils; bright-coloured rugs on the floor, and very attractive are the french windows at the end of the room leading to the terrace and lawn.

A feature that must not be overlooked is the numerous and comfortable chairs.

The committee-room comes next, fittingly dignified in its fine table and saddle-back chairs, and again a french window looking to terrace and garden.

Then we find the matron's sitting-room—a truly restful retreat—then her dining room, the sisters', night nurses' and staff nurses' sitting-rooms, dining room and serving rooms.

These quarters in their tasteful furnishings and cosy atmosphere seemed to leave nothing to be desired, in comfort and convenience, all sharing the joy of a south aspect.

Up the main staircase to the first floor are the staff bedrooms, which have all the up-to-date arrangements for comfort, convenience and relaxation—built-in commodious wardrobes, hot and cold water and radiators. Looking from the windows it is a surprise to find, in the heart of a mining district, the green fields glimpsed between and beyond the humps of disused mines, like miniature pyramids—though black instead of gold!—is unexpectedly pleasant.

On the first landing a room has been converted into a chapel, and is much used by the staff, and greatly appreciated for special services, all ranks come just as they are and confirmation classes are held there and at the vicarage.

In a tour of the administration block the main kitchen is reached. Two excellent cooks showed their requisites—the fish-frying stall, Hobart mixer, deep freeze ice cream refrigerator; next the baking-room where the assistant makes all the pastry and cakes—no cakes are bought. We then reached the Medical Superintendent's office and the Matron's sewing-rooms, two classrooms and practical classrooms; and stepping out to the lawn, we are told, weather permitting, it becomes an out-door classroom, commanding a distant view of the Yorkshire moors.

A visit to the laundry is to meet the enthusiastic head laundress, justly proud of the "lovely soft blankets and babies"

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