

GUY'S HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

We gather from the rules and regulations which govern the Guy's Hospital Nurses' League that the objects of the Society are:—

1. To promote social and professional intercourse amongst past and present nurses.

2. To provide for present nurses increased facilities for mental and physical recreation.

3. To provide a register of those who have received their training as nurses at Guy's Hospital.

The League shall embrace the following sections:—The Choral Society, the Cycling Club, the Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, the Library, the Nurses' Register, and any other sections which the Council may decide to form.

The affairs of the League as a whole and the various sections shall be under the control of a council consisting of the Treasurer, Superintendent (Medical), and Matron of the Hospital, *ex-officio*, three members appointed annually by the House Committee, and representative of the past nursing staff and of the various sections of the League. Each section of the League shall have two representatives upon the Council, one at the time of election being a nurse, and the other a sister or member of the administrative staff; these representatives shall be elected by the associates and members working in the Hospital, as a result of a ballot to be announced at the annual general meeting of the League, to be held in March. Two members of the past nursing staff shall be co-opted by the Council at its first meeting after the annual general meeting. The Council may, upon the resignation of an elected or co-opted member, appoint a substitute for the same till the next annual meeting.

There are two classes of members:—(a) Associates, and (b) Life Members.

(a) *Associates*.—Every member of the nursing staff who after three months' preliminary training is accepted as a probationer of the Hospital will (does that mean shall?) become an associate, and will pay an annual subscription to the following scale:—

	£	s.	d.
Nursing and paying probationers in their first year	0	5	0
Nurses in their second year	0	10	0
Nurses in their third and subsequent years	0	15	0
Sisters and members of the administrative staff	1	1	0

Associates who have not completed their training shall be entitled to participate in all sections of the League with the exception of the Register.

(b) *Life Members*.—Every associate who at the end of the period of training receives a certificate from the Hospital will become a life member, and

will, subject to the approval of the Council, become entitled to have her name entered on the League's Register.

The Council may elect a president, patrons, and patronesses of the League. They may grant to patronesses and others, under such restrictions as they may deem necessary, certain of the privileges of associates.

The benefits of membership to a nurse are as follows:—

(a.) To have her name and address inserted in each new edition of the Register.

(b.) To receive the periodical edition of the Register.

(c.) To have particulars of former appointments or any change of work or appointment inserted in the Register.

(d.) To make use of the grounds of the League at Honor Oak Park, and to participate in the privileges of the sections of the League, subject to such restrictions as the Council may find it necessary to impose.

(e.) To be informed as far as possible of matters of interest taking place in the Hospital, and to receive an invitation to attend the annual general meeting of the League.

The rules may at any time be altered by the House Committee upon the recommendation of the Council, supported by a majority of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting.

It will be seen that the Guy's Nurses' League differs from others already in existence in that it is not an entirely self-governing body of nurses, but is in reality more of a Hospital League, the President being Mrs. H. Cosmo Bonsor—the wife of the Treasurer—the Treasurer himself occupying the position of Chairman of the Council. Amongst the patrons and patronesses are ladies of title, and members of the Medical Staff and their wives. Miss S. A. Swift, the Matron, holds the office of Hon. Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Bryant that of Hon. Treasurer, and Dr. Perry the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Shaw and Mrs. Shaw are on the Council. The nurses, however, are in the majority, having thirteen representatives all told on the Governing Body.

THE REGISTER OF TRAINED NURSES AT GUY'S HOSPITAL.

The Register, which is compiled alphabetically, contains the names of nurses holding the three years' certificate, and also of lady pupils who have been awarded a certificate for one year's training; altogether there are upwards of 700 names on the list, but in a new issue of the Register it would be more complete if the subsequent career and the addresses were invariably given of all the nurses inserted in it. A list of 163 associates completes this most valuable and interesting work.

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