

## Fever Nurses Association.

The machinery of this Association has now been completed by the Organising Committee. At a meeting of the Provisional Committee, held at the Royal Institute of Public Health, on June 24th, the articles, standing orders, bye-laws, and special regulations of the Association were discussed and adopted. Under the articles it then became necessary to form the first Council of the Association, and this was done by co-opting a sufficient number of additional members. Honorary officers were also appointed.

### THE GOVERNING BODY.

The highly representative character of the governing body so constituted will be seen from the following list:—*President*—Dr. Goodall, Medical Superintendent, Eastern Hospital, M.A.B. *Vice-Presidents*—Dr. Pearson, Medical Superintendent, City Hospitals, Leeds; Dr. Brownlee, Physician-Superintendent, Belvidere Hospital, Glasgow; Mrs. Doran, Matron, City Hospitals, Leeds; Miss Drakard, Matron, Plaistow Hospital. *Honorary Treasurer*—Dr. Caiger, Medical Superintendent, South-Western Hospital, M.A.B. *Honorary Secretaries*—Dr. Biernacki, Medical Superintendent, Plaistow Hospital; Miss Morgan, Northern Hospital, M.A.B. *Members of Council*—Medical Superintendents—Dr. Broad, Cardiff Sanatorium; Dr. Mullen, Ladywell Sanatorium, Salford; Dr. Maccombie, Brook Hospital, M.A.B.; Dr. Love, Fever Hospital, Greenock; Dr. Rhodes, Baguley Sanatorium, Manchester; Dr. Rundle, City Hospital, Fazakerley, Liverpool; Dr. Stewart, Fever Hospital, Willesden; Dr. Turner, South-Eastern Hospital, M.A.B.; Dr. Williams, City Hospital, Sheffield. *Medical Officers of Health*—Dr. McCleary, Hampstead; Dr. Butler, Willesden; Dr. Corbin, Stockport; Dr. Clark, Assist. M.O.H., Leeds. *Hospital Medical Officers*—Dr. Cameron, South-Eastern Hospital, M.A.B.; Dr. Ta'Bois, South-Western Hospital, M.A.B. *Matrons*—Miss Clarke, City Hospital, Fazakerley, Liverpool; Miss Gregory, London Fever Hospital; Miss Hay, Cardiff Sanatorium; Miss Ambler-Jones, South-Eastern Hospital, M.A.B.; Miss M. Jones, Gore Farm Hospital, M.A.B.; Miss M. Lloyd, North-Western Hospital, M.A.B.; Miss Carson Rae, Cork Street Fever Hospital, Dublin; Miss A. Thomas, Park Hospital, M.A.B.; Miss K. Thomas, Ladywell Sanatorium, Salford; Miss Villiers, Fountain Hospital, M.A.B.; Miss Watkinson, Fever Hospital, Norwich; Miss Aitken, Belvidere Hospital, Glasgow; Miss Bond, Fever Hospital, Croydon; Miss Stevenson, Fever Hospital, Huddersfield. *Assistant-Matrons*—Miss Bryson, Northern Hospital, M.A.B.; Miss Winmill, South-Western Hospital, M.A.B. Several other representatives have been invited to join the Council.

### ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

Some features of the new organisation are shown by the following extracts:—

Article II. lays down the purposes and powers of the Association, the chief points being: (1) The maintenance of a standard of training for fever nurses. (2) The keeping of a register of trained

fever nurses. (In this regard it may be said that it is part of the policy of the Association to encourage such nurses to go on to general training, so that they may become eligible for registration under any scheme that may be adopted by the State.) (3) The obtaining of special recognition, under State Registration, of nurses who have fever as well as general training. (4) The obtaining of recognition of fever training by general hospitals, on the basis that fever training shall take the place of part of general training. (It is suggested that the general training of the fever nurse might be shortened by six months or a year; but this reduction is only sought for the nurse who has been trained under the scheme of the Association—whose training is guaranteed to reach a high standard. On its side, the Association is prepared to reduce the fever training of general nurses by one-half—i.e., to one year—at fever hospitals recognised by it.) (5) The improving, where necessary, of the conditions under which nurses work in fever hospitals. (6) The advising of nurse-members of the Association in matters affecting their interests. (7) The maintenance of an office for the work of the Association, and of a journal mainly devoted to the interests of fever nurses.

Article VIII. deals in great detail with the suspension and expulsion of members. The interests of nurse-members are safeguarded in every possible way.

The Standing Orders are to govern the procedure at general meetings and all committees. They have been made as simple as possible, and will be specially useful to members who are not familiar with procedure.

Under Bye-law VIII. the Council (which is the governing body of the Association) is composed of eighteen medical members and eighteen nurse members.

Bye-law XVIII.—“The annual subscription shall be, for medical practitioners, 10s.; for matrons, 5s.; for sisters and nurses, 2s. 6d.”

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS.

Special Regulation IV. (Executive Committee) gives the Committee power to settle disputes and differences between members by arbitration.

The Special Regulations affecting the Education Committee embody the most important phase of the Association's work:—

I.—“Hospitals to be recognised as schools for the fever training of nurses who are being, or have already been, general trained, shall have at least one resident medical officer. Such hospitals shall accommodate at least one hundred patients, and shall not be institutions for convalescents only. The training shall be for one year, and in the course of it the nurse shall receive at least twelve lectures on fever nursing and the common infectious diseases, hereinafter mentioned, from a medical officer. The nurse shall also receive systematic instruction in the wards from the sisters or charge nurses.”

II.—“Hospitals to be recognised as schools for the training of nurses who are not general trained shall have at least one resident medical officer or

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