

Although "Whitsun" Saturday should be a holiday, we urge all the members who possibly can be present, to attend the Annual Meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, and consider these two very important questions.

Poor Law Infirmary Matrons' Association.

A well-attended meeting of the P.L.I.M.A. was, by the courtesy of Miss Barton, held at the Chelsea Infirmary on Friday, May 21st.

Miss Marquardt (Camberwell Infirmary) was in the chair. The meeting was a special one called to consider a scheme sent for the consideration of the Association by the Medical Superintendents' Society, to provide for a uniform system of training and examination, before certification, of probationers in London Poor Law Infirmaries.

The scheme was carefully considered, and several alterations suggested. A Resolution was unanimously passed to the following effect:—

"That we, the Members of an Association composed of Matrons of Institutions in London and the Provinces, recognised by the Local Government Board as training schools, cordially approve of the idea that there should be one uniform standard for the training and examination of probationers. While otherwise welcoming the scheme put forward by the Medical Superintendents' Society, we must insist upon the claims of our Provincial Members for inclusion.

"Should the scheme be only limited to London for its operation we feel that it would be detrimental to the best interests of a large section of our Association, many of whom are convinced that such a measure would be of the greatest service to their schools."

Wedding Bells.

The Parisian press reports the approaching marriage of M. André Mesureur, *Chef du Cabinet* of the Director General of the Assistance Publique of Paris. M. André Mesureur's work is so well known to the International Nursing World, that he will have the warm good wishes of many nurses, who realise how much he has done to raise the standard of nursing in Paris, and to attract to its ranks women of the educated classes, capable of entering into and forwarding the social and preventive work which is so important a development of nursing at the present day.

Fever Nurses' Association.

The first Annual Meeting of the above Association was held on Monday, May 24th, at the Metropolitan Asylums Board Offices. Among those present were the President (Dr. Goodall), the Vice-Presidents (Dr. Brownlee, Dr. Pearson, Mrs. Doran, and Miss Drakard), the Chairman of the Executive and Education Committees and Hon. Treasurer (Dr. Foord Caiger), and many members of the Council. In all, about 80 members of the Association attended, the majority being nurses.

The President, having taken the chair, delivered an interesting address, in which the development of trained nursing, and, as a recent phase, the growth of fever nursing, were outlined. Having briefly traced the origin of the modern fever hospital from the primitive "House of Recovery," he referred to the important position now occupied by the fever hospital system, and pointed out that there were over 700 fever hospitals in the country, employing about 15,000 nurses. The latter estimate referred to nurses working in fever hospitals at the present time, and did not include the very large body of nurses who, after completing their fever-training, have taken up other work, after receiving additional training. The President laid stress on the fact that, until the formation of the Association, fever nurses had no organisation to voice their interests, one result being that they could not take an effective part in the movement for the State Registration of Nurses, or establish their claim to a reasonable measure of recognition under State Registration. One of the chief aims of the Association was to gain such recognition for fever nurses, and, in regard to it, the President explained that the Association was in favour of the State Registration of general trained nurses, and did not desire to have nurses with fever training only, registered by the State; all that the Association sought was that when a general-trained nurse obtained admission to the State Register, she should be entitled, if also fever trained, to register her fever-training as an additional qualification. In the case of nurses with fever-training only, the Association provided a Register of its own, and granted a certificate to those who gained admission to this register. The President ended by advising fever nurses to take a wide view of the benefit gained by joining the Association and obtaining a place on its register. The Association was working for fever nurses as a whole, and those who joined it were furthering the welfare of the important service to which they belonged.

It was stated later that over 300 members had been elected up to the time of the Annual Meeting. In this regard it may be stated that applications continue to come in steadily, about 50 having been received on the day of the meeting.

The receipt of letters of regret from absent members having been reported to the Meeting, the President read the first Annual Report of the Council.

We regret that pressure on our space does not allow of our printing this report in this issue. We hope to do so next week.

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