

LEAGUE NEWS.

A meeting of the Royal South Hants Nurses' League was held on Saturday, May 16th, in the Staff Nurses' Sitting-room at the Hospital.

There were present Miss Harradine (President of the League, and Matron of the Hospital), Miss Mollett (first President of the League and editor of the *Journal*), the Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and several members.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read, the election of Hon. Officers and Executive Committee followed, and then the question of representation at the Conference in San Francisco next year was discussed.

Tea and a social gathering in the probationers' sitting-room followed the business meeting.

Applications for seats in the Nurses' International Train for the California Tour next year are beginning to be received at the office of our National Council of Trained Nurses, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., and in reply for information we are glad to note one has been received for herself and sister, from a member of the Queen's Hospital Nurses' League (Birmingham), so that this lady has soon recognised the benefit of affiliation of the League, to which she belongs, to the National Council. The more Leagues and Societies of nurses which link up together nationally, the easier it will be for them through co-operation to obtain valuable social and economic advantages.

An application for affiliation with the National Council has been received from the newly formed Southwark Infirmary Nurses' League. Every new organized body of nurses which joins adds to the strength and usefulness of the Council.

COLONIAL NURSING ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9th, 1914, at 4, Whitehall Gardens, S.W., by kind invitation of the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

H.R.H. Princess Henry of Battenberg, Patroness of the Association, will attend. Colonel the Right Hon. Sir Claude MacDonald, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., Vice-President of the Association, will preside, and the speakers will include Field-Marshal the Lord Methuen, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., Sir Hugh Clifford, K.C.M.G., Governor of the Gold Coast, and Lady Piggott.

Tickets can be obtained by personal application to the Secretary, Colonial Nursing Association, Imperial Institute, S.W.

FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Fever Nurses' Association was held on Saturday last, at the M.A.B. Offices. After the Minutes of last year's meeting at Leeds had been read, the out-going President introduced the new President (Dr. Brownlee, of Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow) who then took the chair. In the course of his address Dr. Brownlee criticised the present methods of the training of nurses and raised questions which must set many thinking. We hope at some future date to be able to give a full report of this interesting address.

The Chairman of the Council read the report. He drew attention to the very satisfactory results of the Circular which had been sent out by the Association in December last (a copy of which was published in this *JOURNAL*) concerning the salaries of fever nurses, and stated that the Association owed their thanks to Dr. Williams with whom the idea originated.

The report stated that the total number of members and registered nurses was now 1,885, that two examinations had been held during the year, one in October, 1913, when 40 candidates entered and 29 were successful, and in April 1914, when 67 candidates entered.

The three following hospitals had been added to the list of training schools, Newcastle-on-Tyne City Hospital, Birmingham City Hospital, Little Bromwich, and Birmingham City Hospital, West Heath.

The Hon. Treasurer then read his Report, and stated that although in his opinion there was no need for immediate apprehension (the Association having a balance in hand of £227 2s. 8d.), still the working expenses of the Association this year were £4 18s. 7d. in excess of the receipts, a state of affairs which could not be allowed to continue; it would be his duty as Hon. Treasurer to find some way of avoiding a repetition of this.

It was reported that the Council had appointed the following as President and Executive Officers for the ensuing year.

President, Dr. Brownlee; Chairman of the Council, Dr. Biernacki; Vice-Chairman of the Council, Dr. Cuff; Honorary Treasurer, Dr. Caiger; Honorary Secretaries, Miss Morgan and Dr. Ta'Bois; Honorary Registrar, Miss B. Scott.

The following were elected as members of Council:—

Dr. MacCombie, Medical Supt., North Western Hospital, Hampstead; Dr. Williams, Medical Supt., City Hospitals, Sheffield; Dr. Spring, Medical Supt., City Hospital, Little Bromwich, Birmingham; Dr. Ricketts, Medical Supt., Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford; Dr. Haldane Cook, Medical Supt., Enfield and Edmonton Joint Isolation Hospital; Dr. Kitchen, Medical Supt., Bradford City Hospital; Miss Bradley, Matron, Eastern Hospital, Homerton; Miss Cook, Matron, City Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Miss Stevenson, Matron, Croydon Borough Hospital, Waddon; Miss Stevens, Matron, Hendon Temporary

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