

The circumstances of two former members of the staff well known to many of those present were brought to the notice of the meeting. It was decided to send some assistance to one from the Benevolent Fund, and to invite the help of members in the other case through the *League News*.

The following resolution was carried, and it was agreed that it should be sent to the Hon. Arthur Stanley, M.P., C.V.O., Chairman of the Council of the College of Nursing, Ltd., and to Major Chapple, M.D., M.P., in charge of the Nurses' Registration Bill.

RESOLUTION.

"That the League of St. John's House Nurses, in general meeting assembled, desires to place on record its conviction that the function of a College of Nursing is educational, not the organisation and discipline of the profession as a whole; further that the proposal of the new College of Nursing, Ltd., to constitute itself the authority for the Registration of Trained Nurses in the United Kingdom is a serious menace to their liberties, as no provision is made for their direct Representation on the Governing Body, and on any registering authority the registered Nurses should have direct and adequate representation.

"The League re-affirms its adhesion to the Bill drafted by the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, in charge of Major Chapple, M.P., in the House of Commons, and is of opinion that its immediate passage into law, as a war emergency measure, is of urgent importance, and should precede the proposals outlined in regard to Nurses' education in the scheme of the College of Nursing, Ltd.

"The League is further of opinion that the proposal of the College of Nursing to examine and certificate women who have not passed through the prescribed course of training required of trained Nurses is calculated to confer a false status on these workers, which will deceive the public, and lower the standing, work, and fees of the accredited members of the Nursing Profession."

There was no Social Gathering, but the money ordinarily expended on Social Gatherings was voted as a donation to the Star and Garter Home for disabled sailors and soldiers.

APPOINTMENTS.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Darlington Hospital and Dispensary, Darlington.—Miss Hilda Morgan, whose appointment to the post of Lady Superintendent at the Darlington Hospital we reported in a recent issue, informs us that she was trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham, where she was for four years, in addition to her three years at the Midland Hospital for Women.

MATRON.

Cottage Hospital, Fleet, Hants.—Miss Ruth Heatley has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Bideford and District Infirmary, Devon, and the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and has held the position of Sister at the Children's Hospital, Cold Ash, and the Harrow Cottage Hospital. She has also had experience of military nursing both at home and abroad.

NURSE MATRON.

Infectious Diseases Hospital, North End, Near Eastleigh.—Miss Mary Lloyd has been appointed Nurse Matron. She was trained at the Prince of Wales General Hospital, Tottenham, London, N., and has had further experience at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford; the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland. She has been Deputy Superintendent at St. George's Nursing Home, Bradford; and Charge Nurse at the Farnham Infirmary.

SISTER.

West Cornwall Infirmary, Penzance.—Miss Ethel M. Earp has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, and has been Charge Nurse at the Rock Spa Baths, Llandrindod Wells, and in Auxiliary Military Hospitals. She has also had experience of private nursing and is a certificated masseuse.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Establishment Committee on Tuesday reported to the London County Council that on December 21st, 1915, they agreed that the services of Miss P. F. M. Smallcombe (now Mrs. Bliss), a School Nurse in the Public Health Department, should be retained after her marriage until the conclusion of the war service of her husband, or of the war; that Mr. Bliss has been killed in action, and that they have acceded to a request by Mrs. Bliss that she may be retained on the permanent staff of school nurses, and recommended that this be approved by the Council. We sympathise with Mrs. Bliss in her bereavement. We do not doubt she will summon to her aid the courage which, as one of the Attributes of the Spirit of Nursing, she personated so effectively in the Pageant of Nursing at the Connaught Rooms in 1911.

The Committee also reported that owing to the release for war service of School Nurses in the Public Health Department, arrangements have been made for nurses employed in the schools for the physically defective to be seconded from the Education Officer's Department to the Public Health Department. The Education Committee acquiesced in the adoption of this course.

L.C.C. DECISION UPHELD.

The appeal of Mrs. H. L. M. Dale, trading in the name of Mrs. Wiseman, against the L.C.C., for refusing to register her massage establishment was dismissed by Mr. Graham Campbell at Bow Street on Tuesday, with £25 costs.

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