

Miss Clark, Matron, West Ham Infirmary, Leytonstone.

Miss Dodds, Matron, Bethnal Green Infirmary.

Miss Dowbiggin, Matron, Edmonton Infirmary.

Miss Hannaford, Matron, Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum.

Miss Inglis, Matron, Shoreditch Infirmary.

Miss Masters, Matron, Leicester Infirmary.

Miss Myles, Matron, Brighton Infirmary.

Miss Mowat, Matron, Whitechapel Infirmary.

Miss Elma Smith, Matron, City of Westminster Infirmary, Hendon.

Miss Smith, Matron, Withington Infirmary, Manchester.

Miss Williams, Matron, Cardiff Infirmary.

It was explained that several new members had lately joined.

Due appreciation was given to the excellent war work done both by the Matrons and the trained Poor Law nurses generally during the war. The wish was expressed that, especially this winter during the early stages of the formation of the College of Nursing, the Association should keep in close touch. It was agreed that besides the quarterly meetings of the Association to be held the last Saturdays in January, March, July and October, at three o'clock, that the Committee should meet the last Saturday in each month, and that all members should be encouraged to send suggestions and questions. The possibility of getting into touch with all superintendent nurses of the various infirmaries who are not eligible as members of the Association was brought forward. The Committee was asked to consider a scheme by which all trained superintendent nurses could be invited to affiliate with the P.L.I.M.A. Suggestions on this subject are invited. There having been a great deal of discussion in the Press and meetings held as to the attitude of the National Poor Law Officers' Association and their anxiety to enrol nurses into their Association, the question was discussed as to whether the members of the P.L.I.M.A. considered that it would in any way be an advantage for nurses trained or in training, to join the N.P.L.O.A.

The President pointed out that, as an Association, they could not influence the actions of individual members, but that the wish had been expressed that an opportunity might be given the Association to express its opinion as a corporate body on this subject. The question was not as to the excellence of the N.P.L.O.A. and its indefatigable president, but as to its relation to those in training as professional nurses.

Letters were read from absent members expressing their views, and an interesting discussion followed. When the vote was taken it was found that about six of the absent members wished to vote in favour of nurses in training being encouraged to join the N.P.L.O.A., while about twelve of the absent members recorded their votes against. Those present voted unanimously against the suggestion of its being in any way advantageous for nurses trained or in training to join the N.P.L.O.A.

Other interesting subjects were touched on, such as the "College of Nursing," and the Committee for the "Supply of Nurses."

An excellent tea had been provided, and was much appreciated, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Alsop for her kind hospitality.

FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

OCTOBER 16TH, 1916.

(1) Since the meeting of the Council in April last the Committee has held two meetings.

(2) The Committee has accepted as registered members 81 nurses who passed the April examination, and one by Equivalent Examination (M.A.B.).

(3) The Committee regrets to have to report the resignation of Dr. Cameron, Medical Superintendent of the Joyce Green Hospital.

(4) Sixty-five candidates have entered for the October, 1916, examination, the results of which are not yet to hand.

(5) *College of Nursing, Ltd.*—The Council will remember that a statement concerning the proceedings of the College and the negotiations that had taken place between the College and the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, so far as they had then gone, was amongst the items in the Annual Report of the Council. It will not, however, be out of place now briefly to relate the history of the events since Mr. Stanley, the Chairman of the Council of the College, proposed its foundation in January last.

In March the College was registered at the Board of Trade as a Company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. On August 17th the Articles of Association were amended, but the Memorandum remains the same.

Quite recently the College has, in accordance with its Articles, appointed a Local Board to manage the affairs of the College in Scotland. This Board is to consist of thirty members, of whom twenty-three have been appointed. They are Chairmen of Hospitals, Conveners of Hospital Committees, Medical Superintendents, Matrons and Nursing Superintendents of Hospitals, and medical men. Seven places are reserved for nurses, who are to be co-opted, but the names have not yet been announced.

It will be remembered that one of the objects of the College, as stated in the Memorandum of Association, was to promote Bills in Parliament for any object connected with the interests of the nursing profession, and in particular with their education, organisation, protection, or for their recognition by the State. In consequence of this object the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, upon which the Fever Nurses' Association is represented by delegates, approached the Council of the College to see whether, by the united action of the Committee and the College, an agreed State Registration of

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