

With reference to the Poor-Law Infirmiry Matrons' Association, the President said he was quite sure that Association was not in a position to speak for nurses in a matter such as the College of Nursing until the nurses gave it the right to do so. In ordinary matters a Matron could speak for her staff, but in such a matter as this the nurses must speak for themselves through their appointed representatives.

THREE MATRONS ELECTED.

Nominations were invited for three representatives and voting by ballot having taken place, it was announced that Mrs. Lawson, R.R.C., Matron, Sheffield Union Hospital; Miss Clarke, Matron, West Ham Union Infirmiry; and Miss Curbishley, Matron, Brownlow Hill Institution, Liverpool, had been elected.

It was further resolved that in nominating Mrs. Lawson, Miss Clarke, and Miss Curbishley, the Council of the College should be urged to take steps to increase the number of members to 55, and to allocate additional seats for representatives of Poor-Law nurses.

HOME RULE.

Some discussion took place with reference to the desirability of the several Nurses' Sections being represented on the Executive Committee of the National Poor-Law Officers' Association, Incorporated, and it was ultimately resolved to recommend that three seats on the Committee should be allocated to nurses and that the Nurses' Sections should be entitled to nominate representatives through the Branches.

Thus the principle of direct representation by election on to the College Council has been conceded at last.

FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL, 1916-1917.

In presenting the Eighth Annual Report your Council is still able, although we are now in the third year of the War, with the consequent continued strain upon the Officers and Staff of all Hospitals and the increased pressure and difficulties of the work, to report that the Association makes satisfactory progress.

(1) *Membership*.—Applications for membership and registration during the past year bring the total number of members and nurses holding the Fever Nurses' Association Certificate up to 2,316.

(2) *The Association's Examination*.—Two examinations have been held during the year, one in October, 1916, when 64 candidates entered and 46 were successful, and one in April, 1917, when 101 candidates entered and 71 were successful.

(3) *List of Training Schools*.—Three Hospitals have been added to the list of Training Schools making a total of 39, viz., Derby Isolation Hospital, Colchester Isolation Hospital, and Ipswich Isolation Hospital.

(4) *The Royal College of Nursing*.—There is no change in the attitude of your Council towards the College of Nursing, and no means will be neglected to oppose the passing of their Bill for the Registration of Nurses in the form in which it has been recently drafted.

(5) *President and Executive Officers*.—Your Council has decided again to make no change in the President and Executive Officers for the ensuing year.

(6) *Members of Council*.—No change will be made in the constitution of the Council for the ensuing year.

(7) *Finance*.—The financial position of the Association continues to be satisfactory. As might have been expected, the amount received in Annual Subscriptions of members and Registration Fees during the year is less by £7 ros. 6d., but this has been nearly met by a reduction of expenditure. The Hon. Treasurer reports a balance of £215 13s. —at the end of the financial year as against £217 19s. 1d. at its commencement.

(8) In bringing its Report to a close your Council desires again to thank the Metropolitan Asylums Board for its great kindness in granting to the Association the use of a room for its various meetings, and also Mr. W. H. Jarratt, who has again been good enough to act as Honorary Auditor.

J. BIERNACKI, Chairman.

RESULTS OF THE APRIL, 1917, EXAMINATIONS.

Birmingham City, Little Bromwich.—E. T. D. Dowling, I. A. Gascoigne, A. R. Hyslop, Katherine Lambe, P. C. Lucas, R. E. Pack, A. E. Tilt, D. E. Whitehouse.

Brighton Sanatorium.—A. H. Campbell, L. E. Lea, Elsie Shortman.

Croydon Borough.—H. A. Bentley, Ruth Campbell, M. E. Grieveson, Dorothy Maycock, Mary O'Grady.

Derby Isolation.—M. C. E. Gillespie, D. A. Hutchinson, Bessy Stevenson, Vida Stokes, N. G. Williamson.

Ilford Isolation.—E. R. Barnett.

Ladywell Sanatorium.—F. A. R. Baker, A. M. Chadwick, Ethel Cooper, Elsie Gibbons, A. D. Low, Madeleine Wailing.

Leicester Borough.—W. M. Coates, H. F. Jackson, Elizabeth Lonsdale, May Pearson.

Newcastle City.—Emily Gatenby, Barbara White.

Paisley.—W. K. Ferguson, M. F. Highet, M. G. Thomson, N. W. Wilson.

Plaistow.—E. B. Aitchison, Gertrude Bulling, Winifred Cheeseman, D. G. Clarke, Lilian Prior, Frances Rooney.

Sheffield City.—Kate Mackintosh, Elizabeth Murphy.

South Eastern.—F. A. Plant, Edith Wellings.

Sunderland Borough Sanatorium.—Ella Dunn, K. J. McAviney, Annie McMillan, Isabella Russell, A. T. Woods.

Willesden.—Nola Chandler, M. E. Laycock, A. E. Melhuish, K. I. Weaver.

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