

FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Fever Nurses' Association, the first held since the war, was held on May 8th, at Croydon Town Hall. Prior to the meeting the members were entertained to luncheon by the Mayor of Croydon, G. Heath Clark, Esq. The President for the year, Dr. R. Veitch Clark, Medical Officer of Health for Croydon, delivered his Presidential Address on "The Future Development of Nursing in Relation to Medical and Public Health Work." The speaker advocated that in each town or district the whole of the available nursing service should be focussed into one central unit, and expressed his view that particular groups of diseases will require special hospitals. It has been computed, stated Dr. Veitch Clark, that in England alone 270,000 years of work were lost in one year owing to sickness, and that to reduce the duration of illness in the individual would be of incalculable value. The President also pointed out that there would be a need for much greater hospital accommodation in the future, and that this increase would of necessity mean that a larger number of trained nurses would be required, and he considered that the future for nurses was distinctly encouraging.

After the meeting the members were conveyed by motor char-a-bancs to the Croydon Borough Hospital, which was open for inspection, and tea was provided. Votes of thanks to the Mayor and the Corporation of Croydon for their kindness in granting the use of the Town Hall, and their generosity in entertaining the members, were passed unanimously.

The officers elected were:—Chairman of the Council: Dr. R. Veitch Clark; Hon. Treasurer, Dr. F. Foord Caiger, Medical Superintendent of the South Western Hospital; Hon. Secretaries, Miss M. Drakard, Matron of the Plaistow Fever Hospital, and Dr. J. Brownlee, of the National Institute of Medical Research.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Eleventh Annual Report of the Council recorded, with gratification, that one of the objects of the Association for which it has worked on the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses is at last an accomplished fact, the Nurses Registration Act having been placed on the Statute Book on December 23rd last. Also that two of the members of its Council (Dr. Goodall and Miss S. A. Villiers) have been appointed on the First General Nursing Council by the Minister of Health.

The total number of members on the Fever Nurses' Register is now 2,562.

Two examinations were held during the year, one in October, 1919, when 58 candidates entered and 53 were successful, one on April 14th last, the results of which are not yet to hand.

The Lincoln City Hospital, the Plymouth Borough Hospital, and the Middlesbrough Fever Hospital have been added to the list of Training

Schools, which conform to the Association's Scheme of Training.

The excess of income over expenditure is £37 2s.

The Council report that in consequence of representations made by them on behalf of the Association, a considerable improvement in the salaries paid to nurses in several of the provincial fever hospitals has been effected.

SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

Members are asked to note that, owing to the fact that the General Nursing Council for England and Wales will meet on May 28th, the

ANNUAL MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED

until June 4th. It will be held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., not at 11, Chandos Street, as originally announced.

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A social club will be opened at the Offices of the Union (46, Marsham Street, S.W.1) on June 12th.

The annual subscription of £1 to the Union will cover Club membership. Probationers in recognised Training Schools are accepted as Probationer Associates, and will be admitted to Club membership and to special Lectures. Annual subscription, 7s. 6d.

Light refreshments will be supplied at moderate charges, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. (Sundays excepted). Bedroom accommodation will be available at a small charge.

Programme of Lectures and Social Meetings will be announced at a later date.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

Prince Albert, the President of the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, E., presided at the Annual Meeting, at the Shoreditch Town Hall, on May 14th, when the Mayor expressed the pleasure of the inhabitants in welcoming the Prince to the Borough. Amongst those present were the Secretary of the Hospital, Mr. T. Glenton Kerr, the Matron, Miss A. M. Bushby, the Assistant Matron, Miss Bulteel, and the Home Sister, Miss Allen. In moving a vote of thanks to the Nursing Staff and other officials Mr. Joseph Meller (Chairman of the House Committee) made an eloquent appeal for more support for the Hospital.

Recently, the foundation stone was laid at Marseilles of a new hospital for sick or wounded British seamen on a very fine site. Queen Alexandra sent a telegram approving the good work, and added:—"We owe much to the brave men of our Mercantile Marine, and their devoted service during the war will always be remembered. I wish all possible success to the cause, and trust that your future appeal for funds will receive the support it merits."

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