

to the holder. The balance to credit was £35. On the motion of the chairman, an alteration was made in Rule 31, substituting "two referees" for "two life governors," on the recommendation of applicants for assistance. At a council meeting held subsequently, Miss Boland and Miss M'Donnell were re-appointed hon. secretaries; Sir W. Fry and Miss Boland, hon. treasurers; and Mr. W. H. Baskin, hon. auditor. Grants were made to urgent cases.

Miss Clarke, a nurse and certified midwife, is standing as a Labour candidate for the Board of Guardians of the Poor of Dublin Union, and has issued an excellent address, in which she emphasises the necessity for Children's and Mothers' Pensions, Health, and Efficiency and Economy.

The benefit to a profession of a strong Association which will watch and protect its interests is exemplified in the Supplementary Report of the Council of the British Medical Association, in the *British Medical Journal* of May 29th.

The Council reports under the heading "Establishments for Massage and Special Treatment" that "the L.C.C. (General Powers Bill) has been considered by the Council, and representations made to the L.C.C. that Clause 17 (old Clause 24) of this Bill should be modified, so as to remove therefrom certain objectionable features as to the certification of medical practitioners who desire to set up establishments for massage, &c., thereby to some extent duplicating the powers already exercised by the General Medical Council. The attention of the Committee of Medical Members of Parliament and the General Medical Council was also directed to this matter."

The result of this action was that "the L.C.C. agreed to amend the Clause so as to remove its most objectionable features, and the Association has accordingly withdrawn its opposition. The old Clause demanded that any practitioner desiring to carry on an establishment for massage or special treatment should obtain a certificate signed by two practitioners to the effect that the establishment would not be carried on for immoral purposes, and that he was qualified to carry on an establishment for massage.

Under the amended Clause, all he will have to get is a certificate signed by two practitioners saying that he is a suitable person to carry on such an establishment."

Now that trained nurses have legal status, their organisations will be able to wield much greater influence in professional affairs.

## THE GUY'S HOSPITAL NURSES LEAGUE.

### THE ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING.

The Annual Dinner and Meeting of the Guy's Hospital past and present Nurses' League was held on Friday, May 28th, in the Nurses' Home, the members and their guests receiving a cordial and charming welcome from Miss Margaret Hogg, C.B.E., R.R.C., Matron of the Hospital and Hon. Secretary of the League.

Every place was filled in the beautiful dining room, where the sun glinted through the great bow window on to the golden buttercups, and blue cornflowers (the Guy's colours) which were employed with delightful effect in the decoration scheme of the tables. It was rumoured, indeed, that a good many late applications for tickets had had to be refused, for lack of room, and certainly the attendance was a record one.

We always admire the celerity and deftness with which the domestic staff wait on these occasions, and this year they added to their laurels by quickly removing some of the tables to the "Park," where coffee (as hot as coffee always should be) was served in the grateful coolness of a perfect evening, and we noted the walls of the new block of the Nurses' Home well on towards completion, so that 42 more nurses can be accommodated, and the hours of the present staff consequently shortened.

Then a move was made to the dining room, of noble proportions and rich and satisfying colouring, where, awaiting the opening of the business meeting we were entertained by some of the members of the nursing staff, who, in their present strenuous life, have kept up their accomplishments of playing and singing delightfully. Incidentally we wondered whether any nurses would be ill-advised enough to desire to "live out," with the inevitable discomforts attendant on the daily journey backwards and forwards in bad weather, and, for the most part living on modest incomes, which usually means cramped quarters and indifferent cooking, instead of enjoying a life of comradeship, in spacious quarters planned for their convenience and comfort.

### THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The meeting was opened by Miss Hogg, who said what a real pleasure it was to welcome those present. Only a short time ago they were remembering daily in the hospital those engaged in war work; now they were assembled there, representative of nursing in all parts of the world. It was a real Peace Celebration.

To-day, nurses were faced by serious problems. Substantial progress had been made, and we had got State Registration of Nurses, and the General Nursing Council had been established, but there was need for greater unity in the nursing profession.

In the hospital, the nurses' salaries had been increased, and their hours decreased. When the new wing was completed, it was hoped to institute

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