

We advise this enterprising Firm of Chemists to obtain a copy of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, and we warn nurses who have been misled to realise the fact that unless they are registered by the General Nursing Council they have no legal status, and no right to the title "Registered Nurse." They must be very careful, therefore, not to accept any responsibility in connection with "Identification Cards" or other documents issued by business firms in ignorance, which may implicate them in legal proceedings.

As we have said before, it is high time the College of Nursing Council took steps to substitute a Roll of Members for their so-called Register, and thus cease to mislead the profession and the public as to the present status of a "Registered Nurse." It is most unfair to trained nurses, and may involve them in serious difficulties.

In this connection we advise all well trained nurses to apply for Forms of Application for Registration, to the Registrar, General Nursing Council for England and Wales, 12, York Gate, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1.

LEAGUE NEWS.

The annual *League News*, the organ of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, has been issued, and the Editor reminds members that the present number marks its twenty-first birthday, and adds: "These twenty-one years must surely reckon as the most important in the history of the Nursing Profession, since they have seen the great fight for Registration. The small band of pioneers were, in the early days, like one crying in the wilderness, but the survivors have lived to see their principles acclaimed by their former opponents, and their standards recognised by all the leaders of nursing opinion. State Registration is now an accomplished fact."

It is also recorded that the League has grown from the seventy members who attended its founding to over a thousand members. The Badge—the Hospital's Arms—is seen in all quarters of the globe.

Loans from the Benevolent Fund to nurses may now be requisitioned for supplementary training. The income from the Isla Stewart Memorial Fund will also be available next year for educational purposes, and with the fine Syllabus prepared by the General Nursing Council for instruction of probationers preparatory to the State Examinations to qualify for the general and supplementary Registers, we have no doubt good use can be made of the money. Valuable and expensive text-books will be in great demand for study, and may be acquired in anticipation of the day when the Isla Stewart Library will be established in the new Nurses' Home. *League News* reports that the new Nurses' Home is to benefit to the extent of £24,000 from surplus Red Cross Funds.

League News has published in full the Rules framed by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales for the Registration of Existing Nurses (trained before November 1st, 1919) and for Nurses with Intermediate qualifications, which will be in force until July, 1924, when the State Examination comes into force. These Rules take up 20 pages small type of the *News*. Let us hope they will be carefully studied. They are the result of expert knowledge and hours and hours of careful consideration. The 1,000 certificated members of the League would form a fine contingent on the Register; let us hope they will come forward and help to build up the Nursing Profession on a sound basis now the great privilege of legal status has been attained.

On Tuesday, September 20th, by arrangement with the League, Mr. Allen S. Walker will give the first of the six Lantern Lectures on "Old London and Its Story," in the Medical and Surgical Theatre of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, at 8.30 p.m. Tickets for the series of these fascinating lectures cost 3s. for Members of the League and 5s. to non-members, admission to single lectures 1s., and can be obtained from Miss Baines, Assistant Matron, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C. 1.

Lecture 1, September 20th: "The Tower of London and Its Story."

Lecture 2, September 27th: "Westminster Abbey and Its Monks."

Lecture 3, October 4th: "Dick Whittington and the Guildhall."

Lecture 4, October 11th: "Shakespeare's London."

Lecture 5, October 18th: "The Fire of London and St. Paul's Cathedral."

Lecture 6, October 25th: "The Houses of Parliament and the King's Palaces."

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

The King has been graciously pleased to approve the following rewards for distinguished service in connection with military operations in Mesopotamia. To be dated, February 7th, 1921:—

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

First Class.—Sister A. D. M. Alban, A.R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S.

Second Class.—T./Nurse L. Donald, attd. Q.A.M.N.S. (I.); Sister F. L. Fieldhouse, T.F.N.S.; Sister J. Forbes, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.); T./Nurse C. McNamara, attd. Q.A.M.N.S. (I.); Sister A. M. Pattullo, Q.A.I.M.N.S.

BEQUESTS TO NURSES.

Mr. George MacGregor Richmond, of Westbourne Gardens, Kelvinside, Glasgow, left the following amongst other bequests:—£2,000 to Nurse Maud Macgregor Young; £250 to Nurse Kate Lowson; £100 to Nurse Russell.

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