

Miss Grace H. Vaughan, Hon. Secretary of the Queen's Nurses' Benevolent Fund, informs us that we were misinformed as to the announcement that three Sheffield nurses were receiving pensions from the Fund. Two pensions only are being given at present, but in neither case has the applicant been a Sheffield nurse, and no requests for help have been received from that city, nor has the Committee any knowledge of nurses there needing help from the Fund.

A new St. Helena's Holiday Hostel for nurses and V.A.D. members was opened at Folkestone on November 1st. The hostel has been given and equipped by the Joint Council of the British Red Cross and Order of St. John for the benefit of those who have worked in the nursing services. The domestic staff will be composed of V.A.D. members recently returned from France, and the Warden is an ex-Army matron. Very reasonable prices are charged, and guests will remain for a month, or longer if necessary.

Four women political prisoners made a daring escape from Mountjoy Prison, Dublin, on Sunday night.

Amongst them was Nurse Linda Kearns, of Sligo, sentenced by court-martial at Belfast on March 11th to ten years' imprisonment for being in possession of arms. She was incarcerated in Armagh Jail.

They were in the women's yard about 7.30 p.m., when a motor-car drove up outside the wall and rope ladders were thrown over.

After a perilous climb in the darkness, the four prisoners reached the waiting car and disappeared.

The successful applicant for the scholarship given this year by the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses, which is of the value of \$500.00, and which is only given if the applicant wishes to take the course at McGill University, Montreal, is Miss Jean Wilson, R.N. Miss Wilson is known to many nurses throughout Canada, is a graduate of the Lady Stanley Training School in connection with the County of Carlton General Protestant Hospital, Ottawa, and was one of the charter members of the Registered Nurses' Association of Saskatchewan, in which association she was secretary for several years.

McGill University was selected by the C.N.A.T.N., at their Convention in Fort William, 1920, because it was the first university to give a full year's post-graduate course to nurses.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Eighteenth Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, October 28th, at the Ministry of Health, Mr. J. C. Priestley, K.C., Chairman, presiding.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council, held on September 30th, were discussed, and, with four amendments, signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes, MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK reported that, as the representative of the Council, she had last week visited Manchester and Liverpool and addressed large and interested meetings of nurses and others at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and in the Physics Theatre, Liverpool University, on the subject of the Rules framed by the Council under the Nurses' Registration Act. She thought it would be wise if in the future the Council appointed some person who could go round the country to explain the Nurses' Registration Act, and the Rules, as the nurses were eager to understand them. She handed to the Chairman a copy of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING containing a report of her address.

Correspondence.

The correspondence presented included the following letters:—(1) A letter from Dr. Dyer, Prison Commission, Home Office, asking the Council to let the Commissioners of Prisons know whether the Prison Nurses after three years would be eligible for registration. They were continually in attendance on the sick and received instruction from the Prison doctors. The Chairman stated that the letter had been brought before the Education and Examination Committee, who were of opinion that the experience indicated would not be looked upon as qualifying a prison infirmary for approval as a training school. He invited the opinion of the Council, which unanimously endorsed this view. (2) A letter from Sir Duncombe Mann, Clerk to the Metropolitan Asylums Board, in reply to an enquiry from the Education Committee as to the class of cases received at Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton. It was agreed to recognise it as an approved hospital for training. (3) A letter from Mr. W. Banks, Hon. Secretary, East Midland Branch of the British Hospitals' Association, from the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, expressing the opinion that the Syllabus could not be carried out in the smaller hospitals. The Chairman said that, on the other hand, they had had dozens of letters expressing the opinion that the Syllabus was acceptable and would be adopted for the training of the nurses.

THE REV. G. B. CRONSHAW said that he knew something of the Association; through it they were trying to inform the hospitals what the Council was trying to do. The hospitals wanted a good deal of information.

(4) A letter from the Ministry of Health stating that the Minister understood that the General

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