

tered within two years of the Rules coming into operation (i.e., from July 14th, 1921), will if accepted for registration pay the fee of £1 1s. After that date, until the Rules for Future Nurses come into force (in July, 1925), they will be required to produce a certificate of three years' training, with the exception of fever nurses, whose accepted term is two years' training and one year's service, and to pay a fee of £2 2s.

From July, 1925, there would be only one portal to the Register, i.e., the successful passing of the State Examination.

To maintain its independence the Act provided that the nurses should support financially their own scheme of Registration, as a subsidy from the rates, as in the case of the midwives, materially depreciates professional independence.

The Act empowered the Council to define the Syllabus of Education, and to conduct the Examinations, a system which would be conducive to uniformity of qualification.

The Council had drafted exceedingly good Rules safeguarding the liberties and privileges of the Registered Nurses in every particular under the Act, and it remained for the nurses themselves to extract the maximum benefit from them.

The Council very carefully reserved the sole disciplinary power over the nurses whether registered in other parts of the kingdom or not. No other body could intervene between the nurse and the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, as it protected the right of the nurse to appeal to her own Council under every circumstance.

Mrs. Fenwick advised all nurses to register. They would then have a vote on their own Governing Body, through which means they could build up a united force of professional opinion which could largely control legislation which affected the Nursing Profession educationally and socially.

Legal status was the lever, and the only lever, by which a body of professional women could make themselves effective.

The recently printed Rules were on sale and were eagerly bought up, and the Matrons present also secured all the available application forms.

Mrs. Fenwick said it would be an immense assistance to the Registration Committee if the Matrons would help the nurses to fill in the Application Forms, and witness their signatures.

The arrangements of the drawing-room for the meeting were charming, and the dining-room, with its small tea tables and beautiful flowers, was greatly admired. That within a few days two such considerable functions as the dinner to Miss Donaldson and the Matrons' Council meeting should have been so successfully arranged, is a demonstration of the great use of the Club as a Social Centre. Great thanks are due both to Miss Macdonald and Miss Cutler for carrying out the arrangements without a hitch. Such centres are absolutely invaluable to nurses.

THE CONGRATULATIONS OF NURSES OF THE L.T.H. TO THEIR MATRON.

Through the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Paterson the members of the Nursing Staff of the London Temperance Hospital foregathered at 9, Upper Wimpole Street on Wednesday, July 27th, to formally offer to Miss Donaldson their congratulations on her appointment as Matron of the Royal Infirmary Glasgow. Several members of the Staff gave expression to their feelings of gratitude to and affection for Miss Donaldson, and Mr. Parkinson, the senior member, and a Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors, referred to her great administrative ability and to the debt which the hospital owed to her, and said that the Board of Management had placed on record their heartfelt appreciation of the loyal service she had rendered, and their warm admiration of the efficient manner in which in the face of many difficulties she had discharged the duties of the office of Matron.

Mr. Paterson, Senior Surgeon to the hospital, paid a splendid tribute to Miss Donaldson's work and presented her, on behalf of the medical and nursing staffs, with a beautiful illuminated address signed by all the members of both staffs. He referred to her breadth of view, her loyalty and the spirit of comradeship with which she had always met the members of her staff. She had set before them very high ideals of what professional attainment should mean.

Miss Donaldson, in warmly acknowledging the gift, said she would carry away with her to the North very fragrant memories of her work among the splendid band of nurses at the London Temperance Hospital. There were so many people connected with that hospital whom she would always be proud to call her friends. To the nurses she would leave behind as her watchword the motto of their own League: "Service, not self."

THE ADDRESS.

The following is the text of the Address:—

TO MISS MARY STEUART DONALDSON.

WE, the undersigned members of the Medical, Surgical and Nursing Staffs of the London Temperance Hospital, desire to put on record our sincere regard and affection for yourself and our real appreciation of the incomparable services you have rendered to the Hospital and of all you have done, not only to improve the efficiency, but to promote the happiness and good health of your Nurses during the short time you have been our Matron.

Most heartily we congratulate not only you, but the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, on your appointment as its Matron, but we feel profound regret at the loss which we and our Hospital sustain by your departure.

We can only assure you that your memory will always live with us and our best wishes go with you for all happiness and success in the years that lie before you.

July 27th, 1921.

After the presentation of the Address the party adjourned to the dining room, where Mrs. Paterson had provided delightful ices and delicacies of all sorts, and later returned to the drawing-room to enjoy a very varied entertainment.

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