

The Board of Control have, with the approval of Sir Alfred Mond, the Minister of Health, appointed the following persons as a committee to consider the Nursing Service in county and borough mental hospitals, and in what directions it can be improved:—

Dr. C. Hubert Bond, C.B.E., F.R.C.P. (chairman), Commissioner Board of Control.

Dame Louise Gilbert Samuel, D.B.E., member of the Chelsea Borough Council.

Mrs. How-Martyn, chairman of the Middlesex County Mental Hospital (Wandsworth) Visiting Committee.

E. A. Medus, Esq., chairman of the Surrey County Mental Hospital (Netherne) Visiting Committee.

Dr. H. Wolseley-Lewis, F.R.C.S., Medical Superintendent, Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone.

Dr. G. F. Barham, Medical Superintendent, London County Mental Hospital, Claybury.

The name of a matron of a mental hospital is to be added.

The sting is in the tail. Surely, if this Committee is to consider the Nursing Service in Mental Hospitals, the first persons who should have been selected were the expert mental nurses. Anyway, let us hope the omission will soon be rectified. The Committee has most necessary duties before it.

The nurses of the Manchester Royal Infirmary are organising a bazaar—at the Infirmary—to raise the first £10,000 towards the building of a Nurses' Home. It will be held on the first three days of November. In the meantime an appeal is made—especially to former patients of the M.R.I.—for help either in the form of cash donations to the fund, or by the sending of materials and goods for sale at the bazaar. "We have done our best for you," say the members of the nursing staff; "please do your best to help us in our efforts for the Infirmary."

The Annual Meeting of the Scottish Nurses' Club, 205, Bath Street Glasgow, will be held on Saturday, March 25th, at 3 p.m. The chair will be taken by the Marchioness of Ailsa, President of the Club. Tea will be served at 4 p.m. Miss M. R. Stewart, Secretary, notifies that all members and friends interested are invited. The Scottish people have wonderful business capacity, and the management of the Scottish Nurses' Club has been admirable from its inception.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Twenty-second Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, on Friday, March 17th, the Chairman of the Council (Sir Wilmot Herringham, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P.) presiding.

The minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval.

Dr. Goodall pointed out that there was no record on the minutes of the Resolution moved by him at the last meeting of the Council as to the amendment of Forms 1 (a) and 1 (b) in the second Schedule to the Rules. It should be inserted after Paragraph 229.

The Chairman said this was a complementary alteration.

With this addition, the minutes were agreed to and signed.

The Chairman then said he had a statement to make of an entirely private nature, and asked strangers to withdraw.

Correspondence.

On the re-admission of the Press, the first business taken was correspondence.

The Chairman stated that a letter had been received from the Minister of Health stating that he had approved of the two new Rules submitted to him after the last meeting of the Council, and also informing the Council that the Instruction also submitted was not a Rule and did not require his approval.

The Chairman stated that the Draft Rule to cover conjoint training in men's and women's hospitals was somewhat differently worded when returned from that submitted to the Minister. As sent up it was considered that there might be some difficulty of interpretation.

A letter was received from the Conference on Child Welfare asking the Council to receive a Deputation in regard to the position of nurses trained in the nursing of cripples, and stating that the Conference was well attended and was representative of all the interests of the Orthopaedic Hospitals.

The letter was referred to the Education and Examination Committee.

An application was received from the Royal Free Hospital Nurses' League stating that, at its last meeting, the League had had before it Rule 9A, asking for recognition of the League under this Rule. The certificates of the members of the League were produced to it with their applications, and the dates of the certificates verified.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that this was a matter pertaining to the Registration Committee, and, on the proposition of Dr. Goodall, seconded by Dr. Bedford Pierce, was referred to that Committee.

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