

THE REGISTERED NURSES' PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

Councillor Beatrice Kent presided at the Meeting of the Council, held at 431, Oxford Street, W., on Saturday, June 10th, and she was well supported by members.

The Meeting had been summoned:—

To consider the false accusations made against Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in the discharge of her public duty as a member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and to take such steps as seem desirable to protect her from persistent attempts at intimidation.

Letters were read from Registered Nurses expressing their indignation at the persecution of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and the mismanagement of their registration business. Members present agreed to place a signed statement before the Minister of Health, embodying their determination that the persecution of Mrs. Fenwick shall cease; their strong objection to the conduct of business by the Registration Committee and its control by a medical man, and to the unrestrained attacks made upon nurse members by the medical members of the Council, which were calculated to intimidate them in their performance of their public duty and to lower the dignity of the Council.

Seventy members were elected, and other useful routine business transacted.

COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

BIRMINGHAM AND THREE COUNTIES CENTRE.

On Monday, May 29th, in the Lecture Theatre of the General Hospital, Birmingham, Mr. H. C. Field, M.A., J.P., gave an interesting and instructive lecture on the "Policy of the League of Nations." The lecturer emphasized in fact that, whilst modern facilities for transport enable nations to meet in council, they also make it impossible to isolate two fighting nations and greatly increase the terrors of war and the dangers of pestilence and famine.

The lecturer impressed upon his audience that, during its short life, the League had already prevented three wars by successful arbitration and established a permanent Court of International Justice. He appealed to women to support the League, as it was the only efficient means of abolishing the White Slave Traffic and controlling the traffic in dangerous drugs. The strength of the League was demonstrated by the fact that, although America was still outside, she had adopted in principle the regulations drawn up by the League for the suppression of the traffic in women and children. Mr. Field pointed out the pressure which could be exerted on recalcitrant nations by means of an economic boycott, and concluded his lecture with an eloquent appeal to join the League of Nations Union and assist to bring nations together by thinking and acting internationally.

G. M. E. JONES, *Hon. Press Sec.*

APPOINTMENTS.

HOME SISTER.

Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.—Miss Frances Annie Oke has been appointed Home Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, where she was promoted to be Ward Sister.

SISTER.

West Cumberland Infirmary, Whitehaven.—Miss Lucy Henshall has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Hull Royal Infirmary and has been Sister at the West Kent General Hospital, Maidstone; South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth; and Night Sister at Merthyr General Hospital. Miss Henshall has also done military work.

Royal Infirmary and Eye Institution, Gloucester.—Miss Catherine Marsh has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the District Hospital, West Bromwich, and has been Sister at the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth.

HEALTH VISITOR.

County Borough of West Hartlepool.—Miss Evelyn Wilkinson has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at the Essex County Hospital, Colchester, and has been Staff Nurse at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and is a certified midwife.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Rosina M. Blundell is appointed to Leeds (Central) as Superintendent; Miss Margaret F. Chalmers is appointed to East Suffolk, as County Superintendent; Miss Margaret P. Cross to Leeds (Holbeck), as Superintendent; Miss Annie Holden to Liverpool (Derby Lane), as Superintendent; Miss Dorothy M. Beazley to Three Towns, as Assistant Superintendent; Miss Florence H. Hermitage to Somerset, as Assistant County Superintendent; Miss Ethel Pearson to Cornwall, as Assistant County Superintendent; Miss Elsie Sharman to Somerset, as Assistant County Superintendent; Miss Edith I. Townsend to Staffordshire, as Assistant County Superintendent; Miss Florence E. Robinson to Barrow-in-Furness, as Senior Nurse; Miss Winifred M. Brennan to Leeds (Holbeck); Miss Maggie Catlow to Blackburn; Miss Mary A. Fahy to Great Crosby; Miss Elizabeth G. Grigg to Guildford; Miss Lily M. Jenkins to Street; Miss Marion Rigby to Accrington; Mrs. Elsie E. Smith to Northants, as Emergency School Nurse and Health Visitor; Miss Louisa Tomlinson to Cheddleton; Miss Elizabeth Whitton to Burnhope Colliery.

THE PASSING BELL.

We regret to report the death of Miss Henrietta Fanny Gethen, for many years Sister Queen at the London Hospital, and later the Secretary of the London Co-operation of Nurses. Miss Gethen died at Well Manor, Long Sutton, Hants, on June 9th, aged 74 years, and was buried there on Wednesday last, deeply regretted by many friends.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Simpson, Assistant Matron of the Poor Law Institution, Maidenhead, in which institution she had served for eighteen years, for the last nine as Assistant Matron. Her illness was of very short duration. She was taken ill on the morning of May 31st, and passed away in the evening.

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