

the L.C.C. building, Spring Gardens, S.W., on January 19th and 20th, and attended by the Chairmen of the Visiting Committees and Medical Superintendents of the Mental Hospitals in England and Wales, and of delegates from the registered hospitals and the large licensed houses. There is the following reference to Nursing Homes and qualifications:

"With reference to the nurses, the discussion was in the first place ruled out at the suggestion of Alderman McTagart, who stated that the question of hours and the qualifications of nurses was under consideration by a conciliation committee, and that any discussion on the subject might prejudice the issue. At a later meeting of the conference the matter was reopened; several speakers objected to matters of this kind being settled by the Mental Hospitals Association, and asked that the conference should be fully informed as to what was proposed. It was, however, too late for any proper discussion of this important question. Dr. Wolseley Lewis spoke as to the extreme importance of effective training, and said that mental nursing was one of the highest, if not the highest, branch of the nursing profession, and that mental nurses appeared to be inadequately represented on the General Nursing Council. Dr. Bedford Pierce referred to the work of the Medico-Psychological Association in the past, and said that it was proposed by the General Nursing Council to continue on the same general lines in the future. He spoke of the importance of visiting committees taking a greater interest in the work of the general nursing staff, and the need for improvement of the general conditions of service; mental nurses, he added, deserved a greater recognition for their services to the community than they had hitherto received."

A meeting of the House-to-House Collection Committee was recently held at the Nurses' Home, 334, Glossop Road, Sheffield, when it was announced that the collection recently made throughout the city realised a sum of over £800. This sum will go a long way towards meeting last year's deficiency in the Association's accounts, which amounted to £1,001 13s. 11d.

The result of the collection was considered most satisfactory, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Gertrude Wood (who again acted as honorary secretary of the movement), to the Superintendent of the Association (Miss Hancox) and the nurses, and to all other helpers for their efforts, resulting, as they did, in such a splendid response by the public.

LEAGUE NEWS.

THE LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

We are asked by Miss Kathleen A. Smith, R.R.C., Matron of the London Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, N.W., to say that she is anxious to get into touch with all nurses holding the certificate of the hospital, and hopes that they will apply for membership of the Nurses' League recently formed at the L.T.H. There is no greater bond of union between the past and present nurses of hospitals than their League Meetings, the professional usefulness of which is undoubted, while the social side adds greatly to the pleasure of life. Will London Temperance Hospital Nurses note this request and communicate with Miss Smith forthwith?

The Queen's Hospital Nurses' League Magazine (Birmingham), which was issued intermittently during the war, on account of the prohibitive cost of printing and paper, is now being published again twice a year. It is admirably printed and altogether well produced, and we are glad to see its blue cover, with black lettering, once again.

The hospital, as many of our readers know, has an open air ward on the roof. We report a letter from one anxious mother:—

DEAR MATROM,—I hope you don't give my ——— open air treatment, as he has a very nash child always used to being in the house with his mar: he has had a very trying year what with measles and then bronchitis and was only just recovered from whooping cough. I think the wards are quite cold enough for him you will see a great change in him when you can allow him plenty to eat, hoping you don't give him open air as I think it would be too bleaching.

The Queen's Hospital Nurses' League is flourishing, and an excellent practical bit of work it has done may be commended to other Leagues. In 1918 a Queen's Hospital Nursing Reserve was formed of retired members living in the neighbourhood who would be willing to help in the hospital for whole or part time in the event of an epidemic among the resident nursing staff. There are at present 18 members.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

A meeting of the Nurses' Missionary League, to be addressed by Miss Harrower, will be held in the Nurses' Home of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 17th.

All Nurses interested in Missionary work residing in Glasgow or the neighbourhood are cordially invited to be present.

Tea and coffee.

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The annual meeting of the London Branch will be held at 4 o'clock on Saturday, 18th inst., and a general meeting of members at 5 o'clock, at the Midwives' Institute, 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.2. Tea, 4.30 p.m.

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