

2. The president of the local branch shall be the secretary to correspond with the central organisation. Any papers or matters of local interest should be sent by her to the general secretary.

3. In all cases requiring investigation with a view to discipline, the president of the local branch should communicate with the general secretary.

4. Local committees are urged to encourage members to write papers and to report cases of special interest for the benefit of the Association at large.

5. Nurses in training may attend meetings as visitors, but will have no vote and will be charged no fees.

(To be concluded.)

### ULSTER NURSING AND MIDWIVES COUNCIL.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has appointed the following to be the General Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland:—Colonel William R. Dawson, M.D., chief medical officer, Ministry of Home Affairs; Mr. Robert James Johnstone, M.P., F.R.C.S., Belfast; Professor Charles Gibson Lowry, F.R.C.S.I., Belfast; Miss Jeannie H. Kelly, matron, Incorporated Maternity Hospital, Belfast; Miss Elizabeth F. Tate, matron, Ulster Hospital for Children and Women, Belfast; Miss Anne Elizabeth Musson, matron, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast; Miss Alphonsus-Mary Curtin, lady superintendent, Mater Infirorum Hospital, Belfast; Miss Mary Harkin, matron, Down District Lunatic Asylum, Downpatrick; Miss Mary E. Campbell, lady superintendent, Union Workhouse, Belfast; and one other person to be appointed subsequently representative of county and county borough councils. The above hold office until June, 1925.

#### MEETING OF COUNCIL.

Meeting of Joint Nursing and Midwife Council, held at Donegall Square, Belfast, Friday September, 1922.

Present:—Miss Mussen, Royal Victoria Hospital; Miss Harkin, Co. Asylum; Miss Kelly, Maternity; Miss Campbell, Union Infirmary; Miss Tate, Templemore Avenue; Colonel Dawson, C.M.O.; and Dr. Johnston. Major Harris, D.S.O., was also in attendance.

Colonel Dawson, C.M.O., was unanimously appointed chairman.

Arrangements are being proceeded with to have the Nurses of Northern Ireland registered. Other business having been transacted the meeting adjourned until October 3rd, 1922.

#### BOTULISM INQUIRY.

The inquiry under the Fatal Accident Inquiry Acts into the recent poisoning tragedy at Loch Maree, when eight people died, it is believed of botulism, is being held at Dingwall.

## EAST SUFFOLK AND IPSWICH HOSPITAL.

### NURSES' ANNUAL PRIZE DAY.

The nursing staff of the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, numbering 102, and augmented by several old members of this excellent nursing school from all parts of the country, assembled in the class-room of the Hospital on August 31st to hear the reports of the examiners, to hear the awards, and to receive the much coveted prizes. Mr. B. W. Elkington (the Chairman of the Board of Management) presided, and was supported by Dr. F. F. Ward (representing the Visiting Staff), Mr. E. A. Oliver (Chairman of the Employees' Organisation), Miss K. V. S. Merriman (the Matron), the Rev. T. Heywood (the Chaplain), and Mr. Arthur Griffiths (Secretary).

The Chairman said he was glad the prize-giving was associated with the meeting of the Nurses' League, which was the occasion of a great reunion of the old and new members of the nursing staff of the Hospital. He was particularly pleased to witness in their midst that day their old Matron, Miss M. Deane. Doubtless some of the nurses might think that the examiners had been somewhat sparing in their praise; but they must remember that the new curriculum laid down by the General Council of Nursing of Great Britain was of a much higher standard than anything which had ever gone before, and called forth their greatest energies if they would attain success. Enormous strides had been made in bringing up the standard of efficiency, and even the nurses who were just completing their four-years' course would recognise the advancement that had been made even in the last four years. He welcomed amongst them the two Danish nurses who had come over from their native land to acquire English methods, the better to equip themselves for the profession they had adopted by a thorough understanding of the best system of nursing. It showed great courage and enterprise on the part of these two young ladies. He then called upon the Matron, Miss Merriman, R.R.C., as head of the Nursing School, for a resumé of the reports of the examiners.

Miss Merriman, who on rising to present the report was greeted with applause, presented a statistical statement of the examinations.

The examinations of the nurses had been conducted by three London examiners, on practical nursing, by Miss A. Millicent Ashdown, on medicine by Dr. T. Grainger Stewart, and in surgical nursing by Mr. Russell Howard. In the surgical examination all the 22 candidates passed, with the exception of two. The examiner stated "the oral examination was better than the written, and attributes it to the very careful and systematic teaching in the classes, and thorough instruction in the wards." In the medical examinations Dr. Grainger Stewart examined 22 nurses, of whom 20 passed. The examiner, in his report, stated: "Speaking generally, the answers were good, and free from any serious mistakes, and the answers given were all to the point and clearly expressed. The nurses at the East Suffolk Hospital have been well taught, in that they have been led to apply their theoretical knowledge to help them to understand the importance of noting various clinical symptoms, and the factors underlying their production."

The examination in practical nursing held by Miss Ashdown resulted in all the candidates passing, with the exception of two. The examiner stated: "Taking into consideration the fact that this is the first exami-

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)