

## LEAGUE NEWS.

## GUY'S HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Twenty-third Annual Meeting and the Fifteenth Annual Dinner of the Guy's Hospital Nurses' League will be held in the Nurses' Home on Friday evening, May 11th. Applications for tickets should be made to the Hon. Secretary, at the Matron's office, Guy's Hospital, S.E.1, before Tuesday, May 8th. Dinner is announced for 7 o'clock punctually, and the annual meeting for 8 o'clock.

Competitive Exhibitions of Photographs and Needlework will be held, as usual, on the day of the annual meeting. Prizes have been placed at the disposal of the judges, and awards will be made in the different classes should entries be sufficient.

Exhibits for both sections should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, G.H.N.L., at the above address not later than May 8th.

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The General Meeting will be held in the clinical Theatre of the Hospital, on Saturday, June 9th, at 3 p.m., when the 800th Anniversary Celebrations will include an "At Home," given by the League from 4 to 6 p.m. Part of Queen Mary's Home for Nurses will be on view.

## QUEEN'S SUPERINTENDENTS IN CONFERENCE.

A whole-day Conference, held at Caxton Hall, on Thursday last, was attended by some hundred and twenty Queen's Superintendents (Home and Counties) from all parts of England and Wales.

Among the subjects discussed were "Theoretical and Practical Training of District Nurses," "[Pensions for Nurses," "Representatives of Superintendents on the Council of Q.V.J.I.," and various other matters of interest to Queen's Nurses.

Several resolutions were framed to be sent to the Council of the Q.V.J.I.

Everyone greatly appreciated the presence of Miss Peterkin, the General Superintendent, and the chair was taken by Miss Wilde.

A very enjoyable tea was kindly provided by the members of the Council, some of whom were present.

The occasion was welcomed by all as affording an opportunity for the meeting of old acquaintances, and much talking was done.

## NURSING AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

Government Departments all the world over have got it into their heads that they can run any man's business better than the man himself.—*Sir A. Shirley Benn.*

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The thirty-fourth meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the Ministry of Health on Friday, April 20th, at 2.30 p.m., Sir Wilmot P. Herringham, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P., Chairman of the Council, presiding.

## Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read, and with two corrections, confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes (page 17), the CHAIRMAN drew attention to the fact that the CHAIRMAN had instructed the Education Committee to advertise to obtain candidates for the post of Examinations Officer, but had not told it what to do further. He suggested that the Education Committee should be instructed to select the three best candidates for presentation to the Council. This was agreed.

THE CHAIRMAN was passing on to the next business when MISS DU SAUTOY drew attention to the Instruction given to the General Purposes Committee by the last Council, as reported in the Minutes, to interview candidates for the post of Interviewing Officer. She was a member of the General Purposes Committee but had received no summons to a meeting, and understood it had not met, she was therefore much surprised to hear that this officer had been appointed. She further considered that this post—in common with similar appointments, whether temporary or permanent, made by the Council—should have been advertised.

THE CHAIRMAN here interrupted to say that he had told MISS DU SAUTOY some days ago that he would speak about this appointment; there was no need to draw attention to the matter now. It was notified in the Agenda.

MISS DU SAUTOY enquired where?

THE CHAIRMAN said that the last item on the Agenda reported the appointment of Miss Finch as temporary Interviewing Officer. He would make a statement on that.

## Correspondence.

## LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

1. A letter from the Ministry of Health, addressed to the Registrar, dated March 19th, as follows:—

MADAM,—I am directed by the Minister of Health to refer to the debate in the House of Commons on Wednesday, March 14th, on Major Barnett's motion that an address be presented to His Majesty praying that the scheme made under Paragraph 4 of the Schedule to the Nurses' Registration Act should be modified. The Minister undertook to request the General Nursing Council to consider the amendment proposed by Major Barnett, and to ask the Council to draw up and submit to the Minister such alterations as they may be prepared to make, within the next twelve months. I am accordingly directed to request the Nursing Council to give this matter their consideration, and to inform the Minister in due course of the result of such consideration.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) L. G. Brock.

The letter was referred to the Registration Committee

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