

the Attorney-General, M.P. for St. Marylebone, will distribute the Prizes at 3 p.m., and later there will be tea in the garden.

These Reunions of Nurses at Marylebone are always most enjoyable, and keep up the interest and *esprit-de-corps* of past and present nurses, and we pride ourselves that at no other Poor Law Hospital is a school attached where the system of training and good discipline exceeds that of St. Marylebone.

Sisters and nurses availed themselves early of their right to legal status, and registered as soon as the Register was open; thus the names of many of the nursing staff appear on the first issue of the State Register of Nurses with early numbers attached, and they have now the distinguishing right to use the titular letters "S.R.N." after their names.

Sir Gilbert Barling presided at the annual meeting of the trustees of the Birmingham and Three Counties' Trust for Nurses, held at the new club in Hagley Road, Edgbaston.

In the annual report, the secretary of the Trust (Mr. Stephen Godlee) stated that during the year under review the trustees continued to make strenuous efforts to find premises suitable for the club for the nurses of the Three Counties, one of the primary objects of the Trust. Eventually, in October, they were successful, and purchased 166, Hagley Road, Edgbaston. Two scholarships of £25 each, to enable two nurses to take their training in midwifery during the year 1922-23, were awarded, as follows:—Miss Elizabeth S. Parsons, North Staffs Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent; Miss Edith M. Byrne, Victoria Nursing Home, Walsall. The scholarship of £150 offered to enable a nurse to train as a sister tutor at King's College for Women, London, was not awarded. The trustees placed on record their high appreciation of a most welcome gift of £400 from their chairman (Alderman W. A. Cadbury), to be devoted to the central heating system of the club. Assistance and pensions, temporary and otherwise, had been given to forty sick and disabled nurses in the Three Counties.

The first annual Reunion of the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary Nurses was held recently in the delightful grounds of the hospital. Amongst a goodly number who returned to their old training school were three nurses who had trained at Derby thirty-three years ago. Needless to say, they had quite a budget of news to tell each other, and with them, as with everyone else, the time passed far too quickly.

During the afternoon a lovely bouquet of choice carnations was presented to the Matron

(Miss M. E. Sutcliffe, R.R.C.) on behalf of the Sisters of the Royal Infirmary by Mr. E. Collier Green, the senior member of the honorary staff.

Tennis and clock-golf were played, and past and present nurses were most interested in the construction of the hard tennis court now being laid. Through the kindness of Mr. H. T. Ann, a string band played selections of music from 2.30 to 6 p.m., which added considerably to everyone's enjoyment.

REGISTERED NURSES' PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

TO MEMBERS.

Please attend a Meeting to be held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Tuesday, July 17th, at 5 p.m.

1. To protest against the degradation of the General Part of the Register, upon the initiative of the College of Nursing, Ltd., as set forth in the General Nursing Council (England and Wales) Rules Modification Order, 1923.

2. To condemn the method of the conduct of the business of the Registered Nurses by the General Nursing Council.

3. To consider a Vote of Censure on Dr. Chapple, M.P., and to repudiate his unwarrantable attack upon trained nurses in his correspondence with Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman of the College of Nursing, Ltd.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the I.C.N. has been summoned at Copenhagen from July 30th to August 1st, but as it is a very small body, with power only to recommend to the Triennial Grand Council, and that on definite motions, after due notice to the affiliated National Councils, the Meeting will, we presume, be of a consultative character. After a period, owing to the war, of less initiative than before 1914, and work in Europe which needs to be done, members of the various National Councils of Nurses now in Europe have been invited to attend in an informal capacity. Thus it is hoped several British and American nurses will be able to be present and express opinions on nursing conditions in Europe and elsewhere, but as visitors these ladies have no votes. Interesting expressions of opinion will doubtless be forthcoming, and the Agenda notifies several social events—with the Danish National Council of Nurses as hostess—which will, we know from past experience, be of a most cordial and enjoyable character.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)