

the efficient manner in which the arrangements were carried out.

After dinner the Annual General Meeting was held in the Recreation Room. Miss Hogg, the Matron and Hon. Secretary of the Nurses' League, said she was pleased to welcome so many friends that evening, and she was sure everyone was delighted to see Miss Haughton with them again. She had received many letters from members all over the world regretting that they could not be present. Miss Victoria Jones, a former Matron, had written saying that she was now too old to attend meetings at night, being nearly ninety years of age. She was sorry that Dame Sarah Swift, who had always attended the meetings, was unable to be present as she had not been well and was having a long rest in the country; Dame Sarah sent her happiest wishes. She had also received greetings from Guy's Nurses in Dublin and also from Scotland.

BRADFORD ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

SEEKS AFFILIATION WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Eighth Annual Meeting was held at the Royal Infirmary on Saturday, May 24th, and attended by a very satisfactory number of members.

The President, Miss Davies, Matron, Bradford Royal Infirmary, in her opening address, gave a resumé of the League's activities during the past year, which included the entertainment of six International Students in the early Spring, when a public reception was organised for them and an address of welcome given on behalf of Bradford nurses from the various hospitals and departments of Public Health Services.

On that occasion their leader, Miss Moe, had been invited to become a Hon. Vice-President of the League.

The League Prize had again been given to the Royal Infirmary nurse who had received the greatest number of marks for practical nursing during her three years' training. Also, for the first time, the members had shown their appreciation of the Hon. Medical Staff by presenting a silver clock to Dr. Jason Wood on his retirement from the Royal Infirmary.

The Benevolent Fund was proving to be of the greatest interest to the members, which had entirely supported it from its beginning, and many of them had given repeated donations to it. On several occasions it had been used for the benefit of League members.

The Treasurer's report, and the Report of the Benevolent Fund showed that the finances of both these funds were in a satisfactory condition.

A resolution was passed by the Meeting "that the League should seek affiliation with the National Council of Nurses."

An "At Home" was held later in the Nurses' Recreation Room, and the members and their guests entertained to afternoon tea and ices, to the accompaniment of a string band.

A Sale of fancy work, home-made sweets, perfumery, and flowers, resulted in a sum of about £40 being raised for the League General Fund, and the Benevolent Fund.

A portion of the room was reserved for dancing.

M. B. VICKERS,
Hon. Secretary.

We feel sure the Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League will be warmly welcomed into the National Council of Trained Nurses. No League has a President more deeply respected throughout the Profession than the aforesaid League—her qualities of courage and kindness endear her to us all.

THE TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA.

We are pleased to note the *Nursing Journal of India*, approves and endorses the policy of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council in its demand that the Minister of Health should sign the Prescribed Syllabus of Training for Probationer Nurses drafted and agreed by the First General Nursing Council for England and Wales—so that it may be put in force by the Training Schools at the first possible moment.

To quote the official organ of the Nurses of India:—
"Since Registration is to be the Hall mark of our standard of training, it seems so very necessary that all training schools should work in conformity with a prescribed syllabus. We should have thought all training schools would have welcomed such a guide. Here in India we are even now making an effort to lay down such a syllabus which can be accepted by all provinces in order to standardise our many and varied standards now existing. This uniformity is not so easy of achievement in a country whose educational standards are so varied and whose people speak so many languages. Nevertheless we feel we must have it, and we intend working until we do."

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Forty-seventh Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W., on Friday, April 18th. In the absence of the Chairman of the Council, the Chair was taken, on the motion of Dr. E. W. Goodall, seconded by Miss Sparshott, by Sir Jenner Verrall, M.R.C.S.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DELAY IN REGISTRATION OF APPLICANTS.

The following correspondence with the Hon. Secretary of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, on its behalf, was laid before the Council by the Chairman of the meeting.

To Sir Wilmot Herringham, K.C.M.G., C.B., Chairman, General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

SIR,—At the recent meeting of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, evidence was placed before it of the unreasonable length of time which applicants are kept waiting for registration, in some instances as long as twelve months, thus depriving well-trained nurses of the legal status without which they are unable to obtain professional posts applied for.

I was directed to forward to you, on behalf of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, its strong protest against these unnecessarily unjust conditions, and to ask you to read this letter at the next meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and to express the hope that it will take steps to rectify them.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
MARGARET BREAY,
Hon. Secretary.

43I, Oxford Street,
London, W.I.

DEAR MADAM,—The Chairman, to whom I have submitted your letter of May 2nd, instructs me to say that if you will be good enough to furnish him with the names of the applicants to whom you refer he will cause inquiries to be made into the matter.

Yours faithfully,
MARIAN S. RIDDELL,
Registrar.

General Nursing Council for
England and Wales.
The Secretary, Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council.

DEAR MADAM,—The dates given by two applicants who complain that they have had to wait twelve months for registration are (1) in the case of a nurse who prefers that her name should

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