

The honorary secretary was asked to convey to Miss Lee the sincere sympathy of the members with her in her long, continued illness, and to say how much she was missed at the meetings.

Reports on the conference of the National Council of Women held in October last at Brighton, were presented by Miss S. M. Marsters and Miss G. Lord.

Miss Lord attended the earlier meetings of the conference, including one for girls, at which all classes of girls were represented.

Miss Lord regretted that the speaker, Miss Cumberbirch, in her address, on "Openings for Social Service," did not lay stress on the great opportunity for such service in the nursing profession.

Mrs. Fenwick suggested that the trained nurses on the Executive Committee of the National Council of Women, should at every opportunity draw the attention of the N.C.W. to the importance of securing the experienced nursing point of view on their Council when dealing with national health and nursing questions.

Miss Lord mentioned that, at the conference the first business on the agenda was to amend the constitution omitting "Ireland" from its title.

It was then proposed and carried unanimously that congratulations be sent to Major Barnett, M.P., on his fine majority at his recent re-election to the House of Commons as member for South-West St. Pancras. This terminated the business meeting, and the members adjourned to tea in the restaurant. When tea was over, Miss Helen Pearse, S.R.N., superintendent of the L.C.C. school nurses, and honorary secretary of the National Council of Trained Nurses, gave some interesting information on the arrangements for the International Congress of Nurses which will be held in July, 1925, at Helsingfors.

IRISH MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Irish Matrons' Association was held on Thursday, October 30th, at 17, Lower Mount Street, by kind invitation of the President, Miss Huxley, who very kindly entertained the members to tea. There was a good attendance. A letter was drawn out which the secretary was instructed to have printed and sent to every nurse whose name is on the General Register of the Free State, inviting them to revive the Irish Nurses' Association as a National Association. If the response to this letter is at all satisfactory, a meeting will be called to elect officers and appoint a committee, and it is hoped it will be ready to apply for affiliation with the International Council of Nurses in July, 1925. A special meeting to consider the replies to this letter is to be held on December 4th.

THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

COPY OF LETTER SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN, LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL, BY THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 1924.

We have received from the Hon. Secretary of the Professional Union of Trained Nurses the following letter, addressed to the Chairman of the London County Council by the Union:—

SIR,—I have been instructed to forward to the London County Council on behalf of this Union, the enclosed resolution which was passed unanimously at a large meeting recently convened for nurses.

We should like further respectfully to suggest to the Council the advisability of Public Bodies encouraging suitable women to enter the Nursing Profession, by offering an adequate remuneration to those employed by them. Almost every trade and profession is now open to women, but the salaries of nurses are so small, and the conditions of training so severe, that there is little inducement for intelligent women to enter the Profession. School Nursing is educational work of a highly specialised nature, and requires tact and experience.

It is not obligatory, under rules now in force, for Health Visitors to be fully trained nurses. At present it is possible under Paragraph V(1) of Memorandum 65 (M.C.W.) of the Ministry of Health, for an inexperienced young woman of twenty or thereabouts who has had an Academic course of two years' training as a Health Visitor, to receive, as such, a higher salary than a School Nurse who has had three or four years' training. It does not seem advantageous, therefore, to anyone desiring a post in Public Health work, to take the long and arduous training necessary to become a State Registered Nurse, and so qualify for school nursing, when she could be ready to fill a post sooner, by taking the shorter course of Health Visitor.

We earnestly beg the London County Council to put the School Nurses in its employ on an equality with Health Visitors with regard to salary sanctioned by the Minister of Health.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) MAUDE MACCALLUM, S.R.N.,

Hon. Secretary.

Resolution.

"That this meeting of nurses respectfully urges the London County Council to raise the scale of basic salaries for School Nurses in its employ, to the level of that for Health Visitors recommended by the London District Council of the Whitley Committee, and approved by the Minister of Health, *i.e.*, a minimum of £150, rising by £10 per annum for each year of service to £250, plus bonus on the Civil Service Scale."

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The autumn meeting of Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League was held in the Nurses' Home of Leicester Royal Infirmary on Tuesday, November 4th, when there was a good gathering, with the President, Miss Vincent, R.R.C., in the chair. Letters of apology for non-attendance had been received from Miss G. A. Rogers and several members. Nurses living in the neighbourhood had been invited to attend, after the business meeting, to hear Miss Robertson, Matron of Lord Mayor Treloar's Hospital, Alton, give some account of the work carried on there. Before commencing, Miss Robertson paid a very high tribute to the work done by "Leicester-trained" nurses at Alton, and expressed her pleasure in coming to speak to the League. She then gave a brief account of some of the nursing points, and apparatus in use at Alton; and showed models of the special bed, with equipment, and celluloid splints. The audience much regretted that time did not allow of a fuller description, and accorded Miss Robertson a very hearty vote of thanks for her fascinating address. The company then joined in tea and gossip in one of the sitting-rooms.

BEQUESTS TO NURSES.

Dr. Benjamin William Broad, C.M. for 25 years Resident Medical Superintendent of the Cardiff Sanatorium and Smallpox Hospital, who died on March 8th, and left estate of the gross value of £55,255, left by a will made in 1909 the whole of his property, subject to a gift of £250 to each of his executors, equally between three members of the Nursing Profession, Miss Margaret Lawrence Hay, S.R.N., then Matron of the Cardiff Sanatorium, Miss Maud Grounds, R.F.N., Sister there at that date, and Miss Elizabeth A. Stuart, at that date Matron of the Campie House, Edinburgh City Convalescent Home, Musselburgh, and at present Matron of the Portobello Fever Hospital.

Mrs. Marian Hogg Goggin, of Minafon, St. Asaph, left £300 Four-and-a-Half per Cent. Debentures of the Salt Union to "My devoted companion and nurse, Edith Londes," and, after personal bequests all other her property to "My doctor and executor, Dr. Edward Gooddy," of Colville Houses, Notting Hill, W.

Mr. Tom H. Wesley, of Camelot, Branksome Park, Bournemouth, has bequeathed £1,000 to Nurse Ida Mary Goodwin, of Worthing.

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