

The Hon. Secretary, Miss A. E. Hulme, S.R.N., presented the Annual Report, which was adopted, and Miss S. A. Villiers, S.R.N., presented the Balance-sheet, which was also adopted.

It was agreed to send a donation to the Fund for the expenses of the Official Delegates to the International Council of Nurses.

The Hon. Officers and Vice-Presidents were re-elected for the ensuing year, and the thanks of the Council were tendered to them for their services during the past year.

Some discussion took place on a letter signed by Miss A. M. Bushby, Matron of the Queen's Hospital, Hackney Road, Miss Coulton, Matron of the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, and Miss Smales, Matron of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, enclosing a Resolution passed by the Matrons of Children's Hospitals as to the justice of Nurses who had received three years Children's training being excused one year of training in General Hospitals.

The Council expressed sympathy with the Resolution, but realised that the difficulty would be to break down the opposition of the Matrons of the General Hospitals. Miss Villiers said that they did not like taking off the first year.

The Registration of Nursing Homes' Bill introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. Hurst, M.P. (Moss Side, Manchester), on behalf of the College of Nursing, Ltd., was discussed, and it was agreed that without a provision making the employment of Registered Nurses to nurse the patients, who paid for skilled nursing, a condition of registration, the Bill did not afford protection to the public, and it was agreed to communicate with Mr. Hurst in this sense.

At the conclusion of the meeting tea was served in the Restaurant, after which a most interesting lantern lecture on "The Races of Europe" was given by Dr. Shrubsall, London County Council.

"The Races of Europe."

Dr. Shrubsall said that the question of race always came into prominence after a disturbance. He divided the races of Europe into three groups—the Mediterranean Group, the Alpine People, and the Nordic Race (the people living round the North Sea, showing their location on the map).

He then gave illustrations of the different types of heads and hair, and said that the races in some parts of Europe were much taller than in others.

The shape of the head and the colour of the hair also varied. In the North the races were tall, fair and long-headed; in the Middle they had broad heads, and were intermediate in colour, and in the South they were short and dark. The Northern races, again, were individualists. The Southern races were herd men.

Dr. Shrubsall not only gave a most interesting lecture, but set the feet of his hearers on the track of a fascinating path of study.

REGISTERED NURSES' PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

A Meeting of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Thursday, March 12th, Councillor Beatrice Kent, President, being in the Chair.

The principal business was to consider the Bill for the Registration and Inspection of Nursing Homes, introduced by Mr. Hurst, M.P., K.C., into the House of Commons, on February 25th, on behalf of the College of Nursing, Ltd.

The Council, while agreeing with the principle of the Bill, took strong exception to the fact that no safeguard was provided for the protection of the public requiring proprietors of homes, who wished to be registered, to employ only Registered Nurses. Without such a guarantee it considered the Bill useless.

As the "Summer Time Bill" was down for its Second Reading the following day, the Council instructed the Hon. Secretary to send the following Resolution to its introducer, Lieut.-Colonel Lambert Ward, M.P. :—

"The Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council appreciating the beneficent influence of sunlight on the National Health, and especially on the health of children, sends cordial wishes for the success of the Second Reading of the 'Summer Time Bill' and its early passage into Law."

The Hon. Secretary reported that an Act for the Registration of Nurses had been placed on the Statute Book in New South Wales.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

At the Winter Meeting held on December 5th, 1924, it was decided unanimously that the seven years during which Miss Helen Todd acted as President, which honoured position she held at the time of her death, should be commemorated in the form of a permanent memorial.

Miss Todd was the third President of League, and the first to be made a Governor of the Hospital, the Octo-Centenary of Rahere's Foundation occurring during her term of office.

The Executive Committee has considered various schemes, of which they announce the following appear to be most suitable :—(a) A Scholarship in connection with the Public Health Diploma; (b) A Scholarship in connection with the examination of the Central Midwives' Board; (c) The endowment of a bedroom (named Helen Todd) in the Nurses' Home; (d) A presentation Case and Books for the Nurses' Library with Helen Todd's name engraved upon it.

It is hoped that when sending donations, members will offer any further suggestions that occur to them. The ultimate selection must largely depend on the amount received, and will be voted upon at the Summer Meeting.

Miss Todd's health failed rapidly towards the last, her death following quickly upon her resignation of the post of Inspector in the Insurance Department of the Ministry of Health.

Her colleagues there, by whom she was greatly beloved, had planned to offer her a token of their regard on her resignation, but she was not able to receive it. They have, therefore, sent £10 to the League with the request that it may be embodied in the League's own memorial. By this means, not only is there a sum in trust, but a nucleus formed.

Donations should be sent not later than May 31st to Miss K. LOWE, House Sister, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, E.C. 1.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

Examination for the Roll of Queen's Nurses, March 19th, 1925.

1. What is the composition of air? How is this changed by respiration? What is the chief impurity of expired air and how would you ventilate a room with no fireplace?
2. What is meant by an infectious disease? What diseases are compulsorily notifiable? Give the precautions to be taken in a case of erysipelas, and how would you advise a mother concerning a child with measles?
3. One of your patients living in a two-roomed house is suffering from appendicitis and the doctor decides that he must operate at once. What preparation would you make?
4. What are the effects on the human body of (a) sunshine, (b) a hot bath, (c) constipation, and (d) mouth breathing?
5. What advice would you give as to the feeding of a child during the first year of life (a) when the child is breast-fed, and (b) when the mother cannot breast-feed?
 - 6a. What particulars would you note concerning a new patient and how would you obtain them?

or
 - 6b. Describe the work of any agency of which you know which deals with poverty amongst those whom you nurse.

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