

THE LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

We always enjoy receiving copies of the journals of Leagues affiliated to the National Council of Trained Nurses, they are so well edited and produced, and contain so much interesting information. That of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League is now before us, and as its Editor, ever since it was started, has been Miss G. A. Rogers, it is unnecessary to say that it reaches a high standard of excellence. We note that Miss Rogers suggests that "a younger and more up-to-date Editor should be appointed." Why not an Assistant Editor, whom Miss Rogers could bring up in the way she should go?

In her letter to the League members, the President, Miss C. E. Vincent, S.R.N., R.R.C., writes:—

"From a professional point of view, I suppose the outstanding fact of the passing year to be that the State Examinations under the General Nursing Council, have been inaugurated in various centres throughout the country. In July, six of our 2nd year nurses-in-training, sat for the Preliminary State Examination and passed. In October, eight 2nd year nurses took the Preliminary State Examination and we imagine have passed, though at the date of writing this letter we have not heard results.

"The standard at present set by the State cannot be called a high one, and we hope that as time goes on, the standard will be raised, but everything has to have a beginning, and perhaps the G.N.C. think it well to begin gently, lest they frighten away the timid candidate and so in the end defeat the desired results.

"Every nurse finishing her training after July, 1925, can become a State Registered Nurse only by passing the State Examinations. These examinations are taken in two parts—the Preliminary Examination during training, and the Final Examination at the end of the nurse's training."

GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The President (Miss M. Steuart Donaldson, S.R.N., R.R.C.) writing in the third issue of its *League Journal*, just published, says: "Little did we dream that the hearts of the G.R.I. Nurses in exile in other lands would be kindled to such glowing enthusiasm on the arrival of the *Journal*, nor had we estimated the thrilling memories awakened by the jottings and names.

"The *true* life of everyone is hidden. No one can read the inmost thought of another, nor estimate that inner fact of reality which is the truth. And yet what wonderful pictures of their varied personalities, vocations and spheres we shall glimpse as we eagerly turn the leaves of our *Journal* to-day. Shrinking from human appreciation and esteem, emphasising rather their own sense of failure, yet are they keenly alive, active and energetic, enthusiastic and sympathetic. We feel their strength and are encouraged towards goodness by their example. So, like the bees, have we, during the past year, gone about gathering honey from lilies and roses, and none the less from simple, humble flowers, from the rosemary and the thyme; nay, we have culled the flowers themselves, and we hand to you, fellow members of the G.R.I. Nurses' League, our nosegay, that you may once again be refreshed by its fragrance and its colour."

ISLEWORTH NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Winter Re-union of Past and Present Nurses organised by the Isleworth Nurses' League, was recently held at the West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth. The guests, who began to arrive at 3 p.m., were received by the matron in the nurses' sitting room, which was very prettily decorated.

Dinner was served at 7 p.m. in the nurses' dining room, where all the tables were gay with flowers and fruit, and where an enjoyable menu was provided.

A great welcome was given to Miss Moriarty, who was Matron of the Hospital when it first opened 28 years ago it was pleasing to see some of her probationers present.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Fifty-third Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, December 19th, at the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W., Sir Wilmot P. Herringham, K.C.M.G., C.B., Chairman of the Council, presiding.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were, with one amendment, confirmed.

Correspondence.

THE CHAIRMAN reported a letter had been received from the Royal Sanitary Institute inviting the Council to send a representative to its Congress in Edinburgh in July next.

It was decided to reply that if any of the members were attending the Congress; the Council would be pleased to accede to the request.

Report of the Finance Committee.

MR. R. DONALDSON, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that the Report be received.

On the recommendation of the Committee the Bills and Claims submitted for payment were approved, and £30 for Stamps, £20 for Insurance Stamps, and £15 for Petty Cash were allowed. Also the payment, in accordance with the Architect's Certificate, of the sum of £1,000, being the fourth instalment for work done at 20, Portland Place (making £3,000 to date), and the sum of £60 to Messrs. Hukins & Meynell, Architects (the payment of £60 was granted also in December, and £52 10s. has been paid to the Consulting Engineers).

DR. BEDFORD PIERCE enquired when the Council would have occupation of 20, Portland Place.

THE CHAIRMAN replied that, as reported at the December meeting, the builders hoped to complete their work in January, then the decorators would be in possession.

The Report was approved.

Report of the Registration Committee.

MISS E. M. MUSSON, Chairman of the Registration Committee, moved that the Report be received.

The Report stated that the Committee had considered Amendments to Scottish Rules 22 (6) and 22 (b) (reciprocity) and recommended:—

"That, in order to bring the regulations for England and Wales into line with Scotland, Rule 16A, for Reciprocal Registration be altered by deleting the words 'except the Supplementary part containing the name of Fever Nurses.'"

(This will presumably require the approval of the Minister of Health, and have to be laid on the table of both Houses of Parliament for 21 sitting days.)

It will be remembered that under the English Rules two years' training in Fever Nursing is recognised, whereas the General Nursing Council for Scotland required three. Scotland has now acceded to the two years' training.

It was agreed to issue a duplicate Silver Badge to Miss Emma Bennett (No. 2393) who reported the loss of the Badge on October 24th, 1923, on payment by her of the price of the Badge and the additional expense of engraving the word "Duplicate."

The Committee reported further that the cases of Existing Nurses were considered, to whom from two to six communications had been sent asking for necessary information concerning their applications and from whom no replies had been received.

It was agreed to instruct the Registrar to return the fees of all nurses who have not replied to the communications sent to them.

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