

A resolution was passed which alters the By-laws dealing with the qualification for membership of the League.

For the first time provision was made for admitting to membership nurses holding the affiliated certificates in connection with the Royal Infirmary.

The Business Meeting was followed by a Social Gathering to which members' friends were invited.

Afternoon tea and a delightful programme given by a stringed orchestra were enjoyed by the visitors.

A small sale of fancy articles, home made sweets and flowers was arranged on behalf of the League General Fund and the Benevolent Fund.

#### THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NURSES IN HOLLAND.

A new development is just taking place in Nursing organisation in Holland. On April 28th a Meeting of Nurses was held at which it was decided to form an Association of Nurses, to be known as "The National Association of Nurses (Nationalen Bond van Verplegenden)." The Constitution of the new Organisation has not yet been completed but it is decided that membership of the Association will be open to Registered Nurses only, although there will be a section for Probationers still in training, who will be known as "Aspirants." They will have no voting powers in the Association. The Constitution will probably allow for the admission of a few Honorary Members, who will be appointed on the vote of the Members. Registered Mental Nurses will be allowed to join the Association as well as those who hold certificates of General Training; in this connection it is to be noted that mental nurses in Holland usually take their course of general training as well as their special training. For registration Dutch Nurses have a system of reciprocity between Children's Hospitals and Adult Hospitals, but, when part of the training is taken in a Children's Hospital, the complete training must extend to a four years' course if the Nurse is to be eligible for Registration.

Up to the present some five hundred nurses have joined the Association, and it is likely that Nosokomos (the existing Nurses' Association in Holland which admits to its membership trained nurses only) will be wound up and it is hoped that then the eight hundred members who belong to it will join the new Organisation. The feeling of the Dutch Nurses appears to be that the new title is more suitable for present day conditions and that the most satisfactory course is to organise an entirely new Society; the Leaders of Nosokomos are among the pioneers of the new movement. In addition to the Members of Nosokomos, the Founders of the new Association expect to recruit members from the District Nurses' Association, the President of which is keenly interested in the new movement. Mrs. de Bussy-Kruysey has been appointed President, while Miss Peterson, Matron of the Wilhelmina Hospital of Amsterdam, is Vice-President; Mrs. A. C. Bliet is the Secretary, and Miss Vernede has been appointed Hon. Treasurer.

The following have been appointed Members of the Committee:—Misses Jansen, ter Meulen, Sasburg, Schipper and van Woensel Kooy. It is expected that the present President of Nosokomos, and the President of the District Nurses' Association, will also take seats on the Committee of the new National Association.

The Association will have its own official Journal, to be known as the *Organ of the National Association of Nurses*. The first number has already been printed and presents a very nice appearance.

#### GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Ninety-second Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, June 22nd, at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. Miss E. M. MUSSON, Chairman of the Council, being in the Chair.

Before the commencement of the business THE CHAIRMAN welcomed Miss Eleanor Wilson back to the Council after her recent illness, and offered its congratulations to Miss Letitia Clark on her inclusion in the Birthday Honours, by the award of the M.B.E.

She also thought that the Council would wish to express its regret at the resignation of Lady Barrett. This was agreed. (That of the Rev. G. B. Cronshaw was reported last month.)

#### Correspondence.

The following letter, dated June 2nd, was received from the Ministry of Health:

Madam,

I am directed by the Minister of Health to acquaint you, for the information of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, that Lady Barrett and the Reverend G. B. Cronshaw have found it necessary to resign their membership of the Council, and that in their place he has appointed Dr. Christine Murrell, 86, Porchester Terrace, Hyde Park, W.2, and Mr. W. H. Harper, House Governor and Secretary of the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire Hospital, Wolverhampton, to be members of the Council for the period ending December 23rd, 1932.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) MICHAEL HESELTINE.

The Registrar,

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

The following letter, dated April 18th, was also received from the Secretary, Natal Medical Council:

Dear Madam,

My Council is in receipt of yours of March 16th, 1928, stating that the General Nursing Council has agreed that Registration by Reciprocity be established between the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and the Natal Medical Council.

All the contents of your communication are noted, and my Council wishes to express to the General Nursing Council its deep appreciation over the way you have met this Council in this matter which we have long desired to bring to a successful conclusion.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) W. RUSSELL STRAPP, M.D.,  
Secretary, Natal Medical Council.

#### Registration.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee applications from three Registered Nurses for duplicate Badges, in place of those the loss of which was reported a year ago, were granted.

The following applications for Registration were approved. *General Register*—By reciprocity 4; *Supplementary Registers*—For Mental Nurses by Examination, 1; for Fever Nurses, by Examination, 7; by Reciprocity, 1. Total 13.

It was agreed to re-include in the Register the names of 27 Nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee, and now wished their names re-included.

#### Education and Examination.

The Education and Examination Committee reported the dates of the Preliminary and Final Examinations in May and June. The Results and Pass Lists were presented, and it was agreed that the names of the successful candidates should be entered upon the Register.

#### Results.

	PRELIMINARY STATE EXAMINATION.				
	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.
Complete Examination	2,164	116	2,048	1,553	495
Re-entries for Part Examination	245	11	234	183	51

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