

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

A social gathering and Quarterly Meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Sub-Committee and Medical Superintendent, and at the invitation of the Matron, Miss H. Lamb, S.R.N., at Claybury Mental Hospital, Woodford Bridge, Essex, on Saturday, June 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Trains 1.43 p.m. and 2.3 p.m. from Liverpool Street Station to George Lane Station, and 'Bus 103 from George Lane Station to near the gate of the hospital, or, Liverpool Street Station to Woodford Station, where taxis are available. The members on arrival will be received by the Matron and escorted round the various departments of the Hospital. Quarterly Meeting at 4 p.m., followed by tea.

KATHLEEN A. SMITH,
Hon. Secretary.

INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual meeting of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association was held, by kind invitation of Miss Drakard, at the Plaistow Hospital, on Wednesday, April 24th, at 3 p.m.

The President, Miss S. A. Villiers, was in the chair. No fresh nominations for Hon. Officers having been received, the present Hon. Officers were re-elected for the year 1929-1930.

Three nominations for a vacancy on the Executive Committee having been brought forward, the members present voted by ballot, and Miss Orchardson, Matron of Monsall Hospital, Manchester, was elected.

One application for membership was received and three resignations, through ill-health and for private reasons, were accepted with regret.

The Hon. Secretary placed before the meeting the objects of the Fever Nurses' Association as applied to Nurse probationers, and appealed to the Matrons of training schools to endeavour to increase the membership of the F.N.A. by probationers joining as student members.

After the business meeting concluded the members adjourned to the Nurses' Home for tea, during which time they were greeted by Dr. Mackintyre, the Medical Superintendent. The wards were next visited and proved of great interest. All were gay with spring flowers. "Biernacki," the bed isolation ward, was much admired, and the methods of sterilization and special procedure were fully explained. "Washbourne," with its up-to-date little theatre, and "Odwyer," the tracheotomy ward, each were objects of great interest.

The laundry, always a centre of interest when visits of this kind are paid to any institution, was also visited, and the members before leaving passed a very hearty vote of thanks to Miss Drakard, Dr. Mackintyre, and the Hospital Committee for enabling them to visit and see the working of this noted hospital.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses to be held at the Hospital, E.C., on June 1st, will be of very special interest as the plaque of the late Miss Isla Stewart, in the Isla Stewart Memorial Library, is to be unveiled by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and honour paid where honour is most due.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Spring "At Home" of the University College Hospital Nurses' League will be held at the Trained Nurses'

Institute, Huntly Street, W.1, on Saturday, May 25th, at 3.15 p.m. This is always a very enjoyable function.

GUY'S HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting and the Twenty-first Annual Dinner, of the Guy's Hospital Nurses' League, will be held in the Nurses' Home, Guy's Hospital, S.E., on Friday evening, May 10th.

Competitive Exhibitions of Photographs, Paintings, Sketches, Needlework, etc., will be held as usual on the day of the Annual Meeting. Prizes have been placed at the disposal of the Judges, and awards will be made in the different Classes should entries be sufficient. The Judges will have power to withhold awards, and their decision is final.

THE IRISH NURSES' UNION.

The Annual Council Meeting of the Irish Nurses' Union was held this year on Wednesday, May 1st, in Clery's Restaurant, O'Connell Street, Dublin. This is the first Annual meeting since the Union became an independent, self-supporting organisation controlled by nurses and midwives alone, and it has had a very successful year's work, as shown by the Annual Report. The Agenda for the meeting included several resolutions on conditions of service in Co. Hospitals and Homes, and Local Government service generally. Other resolutions dealt with inspection of Nursing Homes, travelling allowances for District Midwives, badge and uniform for midwives, a Pension Fund, remuneration for various positions, etc.

All the resolutions on the Agenda were passed unanimously, except the one suggesting that the fee for midwives doing temporary duty be increased to £2 10s. per week. Some members thought this still insufficient, and suggested £3 3s. On a vote being taken, eight voted for the fee of £2 10s. and six for £3 3s.

The Annual Report draws attention to the fact that the Union secured the election of three of its members on the General Nursing Council for the Irish Free State in December last, Miss Healy, Miss Buckley and Miss Smithson.

The Union is also now represented on the Central Midwives Board of the Irish Free State, by Mrs. Price, Dispensary Midwife for Finglas.

A Meeting of Branch Secretaries also held, was to discuss plans for organising in the coming year.

NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF CHINA.

Central China Nurses' Institute.

We have received from Miss Gladys Stephenson, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., Principal and Matron of the School of Nursing of the Union Hospital, Hankow, the programme of the first post-graduate course for nurses given in Central China, concerning which she says the nurses are most enthusiastic. We are glad to hear from her also that this new Union hospital of the London Mission and Wesleyan Mission is progressing splendidly.

Post-Graduate Course for N.A.C. Graduate Nurses.

Lectures and demonstrations on the following subjects were given.

The Management of an Operating Room; Administration of Anæsthetics; Ear Nose and Throat Service; The Organisation of Midwifery Centres; Public Health and School Hygiene; Methods of Teaching Student Nurses; Social Hygiene; Mental Nursing; Ideals for Young China; Evangelism, etc.

Visits were paid to the N.A.C. Headquarters and the Wuhan Hospitals.

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