

the effect that the Fellowship desired to seek affiliation with the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and through them with the International Council of Nurses.

As has ever been the custom, the Nightingale School placed a wreath on Miss Nightingale's Statue in Waterloo Place, in memory of her birthday.

GUY'S HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting and the Twenty-First Annual Dinner of the Guy's Hospital Nurses' League was held in the Nurses' Home, Guy's Hospital, S.E., on May 10th.

So many members had accepted the invitation to be present at the Dinner that the large Recreation Room was used as a dining room as well as the Nurses' Dining Hall. The meeting was held in the gymnasium of the Massage Department.

Sir Cosmo Bonsor, Lady Bonsor (President of the League), and other hon. members of Council were also present.

The Annual Report.

The Annual Report presented by Miss E. E. P. MacManus, Matron of the Hospital and Hon. Secretary of the League, stated that between 60 and 70 new members have been transferred to the past members' section during the year.

243 Nurses spent "week-ends and days and nights off" at the Cottage, and nearly 1,600 short visits have been made. Seven past-members also visited the Cottage for short periods during the year.

1,159 volumes have been taken out of the Nurses' Library during the year, and new books have been added.

The Swimming Club Team has been successful in winning several prizes, although it did not manage to bring home any of the cups. In the Hospital gala held in the Nurses' Home, eight Nurses competed for Lady Fripp's Cup, which was won by Nurse Connolly. This year the team race for the Matron's Cup (presented by Miss Margaret Hogg) was held as a special event. Four teams, representing members of the Nursing and Administrative Staffs and the Massage and Electrical Departments, competed, and the Cup was won by the Massage Department team in wonderful time.

The entries for Exhibitions of Needlework, Photographs and Paintings were more numerous this year. Mrs. Burgwin, O.B.E., who again judged the needlework, was very pleased indeed with the excellence of the work sent in, and greatly praised the originality and ingenuity of the exhibitors.

Mrs. Hughes, who judged the paintings and sketches, considered the efforts of the members very praiseworthy.

The prints sent in for the photographic section were interesting and more numerous.

Reunion and Garden Party.

A Reunion and Garden Party will be held at the Nurses' Cottage, Dunoon Road, Honor Oak Park, on Wednesday, June 12 (3 p.m.). All past-members of the League and all other old Guy's Nurses are invited. By the kind arrangement of Sir Cosmo Bonsor, four motor coaches will run from Guy's at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. for the convenience of visitors. R.S.V.P. to the Matron before June 8.

A SATISFACTORY RESULT.

Miss Lily Mutton, F.B.C.N., and Miss P. Oakley Williams, F.B.C.N., to each of whom the Council of the British College of Nurses made a grant of £35 towards the cost of their Midwifery training, have passed the examination of the Central Midwives' Board.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and second meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, May 24th, at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1, at 2.30 p.m. Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., was in the chair.

The State Register.

The Chairman announced that the State Register of Nurses for 1929 was now published, and that copies were in the room. The total number of names included being 55,474, made up as follow. *General part of the Register*, 44,869. *Supplementary parts*.—Male Nurses, 194; Mental Nurses, 5,962; Nurses for Mental Defectives, 306; Sick Children's Nurses, 1,267; and Fever Nurses, 2,876. The total number registered since the formation of the Register was 65,421.

Absence of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman announced that both she and Miss Cox-Davies, Vice-Chairman, would be absent from England from June 21st as they were attending the meeting of the International Council of Nurses in Montreal. It was agreed to invite Miss Sparshott, who was not present, to act as Chairman, and Miss Hogg as Vice-Chairman until their return.

The Medico-Psychological Association and the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Since March, 1928, correspondence has been taking place between the Royal Medico-Psychological Association and the General Nursing Council for England and Wales upon the demand of that Association that its examination for Mental Nurses should entitle successful candidates to admission of their names to the State Register maintained by the General Nursing Council in the Supplementary Part for Mental Nurses.

The General Nursing Council acceded to the request of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association that a Conference should be held on this matter, and this took place, *in camera*, on May 23rd, at 20, Portland Place, W.

At the Meeting of the Council on May 24th, Miss Musson announced that the Conference had taken place, and the letter of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association *re* the Registration of Mental Nurses was now before the Council in its entirety. It had not been possible to prepare the Report of the proceedings at the Conference in time for the meeting of the Council. It was arranged that this should be referred to the Mental Nursing Committee and the whole question brought up on its report at the next meeting of the Council.

Protests from Nurses' Organisations.

The following correspondence was then read on the subject:—

FROM THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

Royal British Nurses' Association,
194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.1.
20th March, 1929.

DEAR MADAM,

I am instructed to forward to you the following Resolution, passed at a Conference of Members of this Association, held on Friday, March 8th, 1929:—

"That this Meeting of Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association most strongly deprecates any attempt to interfere with the one portal system of admission to the State Register, such as would result from the adoption of the proposal put forward by the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, that its Examination shall be taken as qualifying for admission to the State Register of Nurses trained in the Nursing of Mental Diseases."

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