

ministrative functions from the Central Midwives Board to the Ministry of Health. Such transfer would deprive the Midwives of self-government which would inevitably limit the development, and lower the status, of their profession.

"The Matrons' Council is also of opinion that any endeavour to limit by statute the number of cases which a midwife should be allowed to attend would be most detrimental to the profession. In the opinion of the Council it would be preferable to authorise the Local Supervising Authorities to enforce such limitation where inefficient service on the part of a midwife rendered this desirable."

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Minister of Health that, whilst submitting the accompanying resolution, the Matrons' Council were anxious to take this opportunity of expressing their entire approval of the reservation attached to the Report by Mrs. Richmond and Dr. Fairbairn.

After a certain amount of discussion it was decided to hold the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 19th, 1930, when it was hoped more country members would be able to attend.

The Members then adjourned for tea in the Club drawing-room.

KATHLEEN A. SMITH,
Hon. Sec.

FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

At the Council Meeting of the above Association held on the 15th inst., Dr. D. MacIntyre, Medical Superintendent of Plaistow Fever Hospital, was unanimously elected Hon. Treasurer of the Association, the position held by the late Dr. F. Foord Caiger since the formation of the Association in 1909 until his death in September last.

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Recreation Room of the Nurses' Home was filled by Members and Visitors for the Autumn Meeting of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League held on November 8th. The President, Miss Vincent, R.R.C., was in the Chair, supported by Misses Pell-Smith and Sherlock, Vice-Presidents. Miss Vincent introduced Miss Hughes, the new Matron, and asked her, on behalf of the League, to become a Member and Vice-President, at the same time presenting her with a League Badge. Miss Hughes thanked the Members for the honour and said that she would be very pleased to accept office and wear the Badge. Miss Vincent then presented Medals and Prizes to Nurses who had been successful in the examinations. Miss Rundle, R.R.C., D.N., gave a very interesting account of the International Congress at Montreal illustrated by lantern slides. She spoke of the history of the International Council of Nurses, which was founded by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and congratulated the League on being one of the first to be formed, and affiliated to the National Council, reminding them of their responsibilities in working for the achievement of ideal nursing conditions. Miss Pell-Smith proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Rundle, and spoke appreciatively of the pleasure her address had given. This was seconded by Mr. Astley Clarke, Senior Hon. Physician, and carried with acclamation. Mr. Pichard, Chairman of the Board, made a little speech, and then, to the delighted surprise of the Nurses, presented them with an enlarged photograph of Miss Vincent to hang in the Recreation Room, opposite to that of Miss Rogers.

After tea in the Nurses' sitting-rooms, the company dispersed to visit the new block of three wards, with dining-rooms for nursing and domestic staff, replete with all the latest labour-saving devices. This block was formally opened by the Duchess of Rutland on November 13th.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and seventh meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, November 29th, at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1, the Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., presiding.

The minutes having been read and confirmed the Chairman announced that she had received two communications, one addressed to the Chairman and Members of the Council, and one to the Registrar. She then made the following statement.

I beg to report that two letters have been received, one addressed to the Registrar and one to the Chairman and Members of Council, relating to a recent decision of the Council in regard to a disciplinary case, on which the Council acting under Rule 22 deferred judgment until October 1930. I am legally advised that in these circumstances the case remains *sub judice*, and further that it would be improper for me to publish or to present to the Council letters which might bias the independent judgment of members of Council who are in the position of jury. I therefore propose to defer the reading of these letters until the Council gives its final decision, and with your approval will reply to these communications in that sense.

Registration.

The Registration Committee reported that the applications from four Registered Nurses had been received, for four Silver Badges, the loss of which was reported a year ago, also an application from a Registered Nurse for a duplicate certificate of Registration the loss of which was notified in September 1928. Both requests were granted.

Applications for approval for Registration were granted to ten Nurses, four by reciprocity to the General Part of the Register, two to the Supplementary Part for Sick Children's Nurses, and four to the Supplementary Part for Fever Nurses.

The re-inclusion of the names of 25 Nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee and now wished to be re-included was sanctioned.

Education and Examination.

An application from the authorities of the Brompton Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of Chest, London, for approval of an additional scheme of reciprocal training between that Hospital and St. Thomas's Hospital, London, was granted.

The Education and Examination Committee reported that the Preliminary and Final State Examinations, both written, and oral and practical, were held between October 15th and October 29th inclusive.

Finance.

Bills and Claims submitted for payment were approved, and that the sum of £150 for Stamps, £20 for Insurance Stamps, £10 for Petty Cash and £6,000 for Examiners Claims and Expenses in connection with the October Examinations, were allowed.

The estimate submitted by Messrs. Butler & Tanner, Ltd., amounting to £1,589 for 250 copies of the 1930 Register of Nurses, was accepted, as was also that submitted by Messrs. A. & E. Walter, Ltd., for printing 2,000 Index Cards (Fever Register) at 27s. 6d. per 1,000, and over-printing in red ink, 20,000 Index Cards at 7s. 6d. per 1,000.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

The Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee reported that they had met twice, but that the case which they had hoped would be ready for presentation was not yet complete.

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