

liamentary Council, which was introduced by Major (Sir Richard) Barnett, M.P., which urged upon him the appointment of a Select Committee of the House of Commons for the above purposes. This Mr. Wheatley subsequently undertook to do, but the Labour Government went out of office before the Select Committee was appointed. Mr. Wheatley's successor, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, however, recognised that this pledge had been given by his predecessor, and appointed the Select Committee asked for by the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council with the result that to-day the Election of the Direct Representatives of the registered nurses on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales is an entirely open one.

The second point submitted to the Select Committee is not yet settled, as, so far, the Law Officers of the Crown have not been consulted, and, consequently, there is no written pronouncement on the legal aspect of the question.

In our opinion the present disquieting results of the General Nursing Council's examinations, and the many failures, are the direct result of the lack of a compulsory Syllabus of Training, and we have no hope of improvement until the Council guarantees to pupil nurses a training prescribed by Rule, compulsory, not optional.

The in-patients treated at King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, numbered over 7,000 last year. The annual report states that before more beds can be provided the number of Nurses must be increased, and at present there is no accommodation for more.

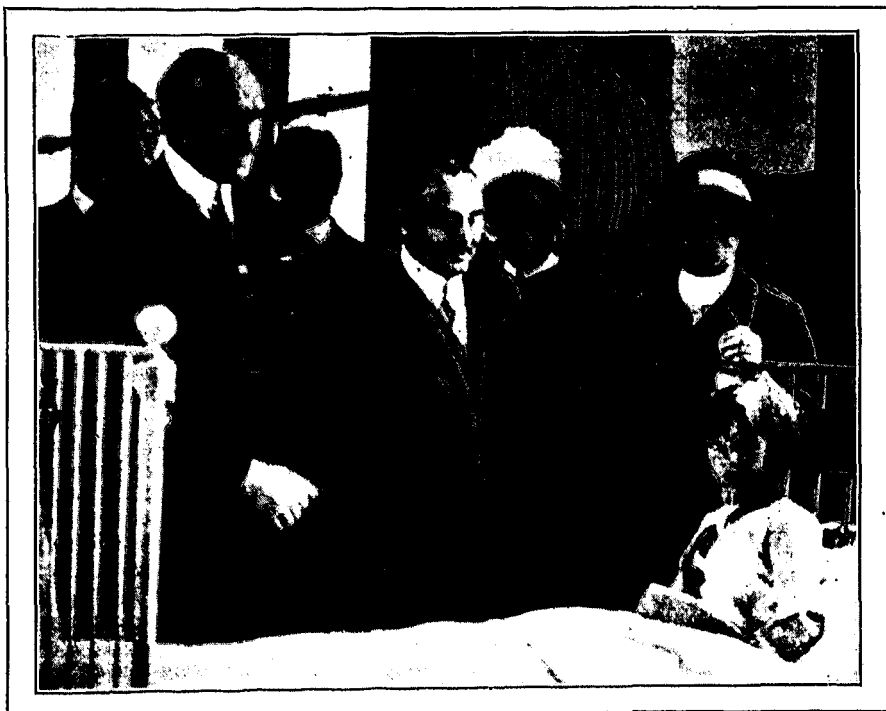
We are glad to learn from the *Queen's Nurses' Magazine* that the branches of the Queen's Nurses' League are active in its support, although it seems difficult to gather in individual workers in single districts. At a recent meeting of the Liverpool branch held at the Nurses' Home, Widnes, by the kind invitation of the Superintendent, Miss Lowe, the business of the afternoon was the selection of candidates for the voting list, in order to appoint a delegate to attend the London Conference. Subjects for discussion were also suggested,

the two ultimately adopted being "Relief on Single Districts," and "Sport."

The nurses at the Christchurch Children's Home at Birkenhead worked heroically in a fire at the Christ Church Children's Home at Birkenhead, and brought to safety from their beds twenty children between the ages of two and six.

The tenth international course in Public Health for Nurses and the sixth International Course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers in Schools of Nursing will terminate on July 11th. Sixteen students from thirteen countries have attended the 1929-30 courses.

The Presentation of Certificates will take place at Bedford College at half-past three on the afternoon of July 11th. The Honourable Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman of the British Red Cross and a member of the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies will preside. The certificates will be presented by Miss Margaret Bondfield, Minister of Labour, and the students will be addressed by Miss Jebb, Principal of Bedford College, and by a representative of the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies.



Prince Arthur of Connaught, K.G. Mr. Louis Baron. Miss E. M. Smith, Lady Superintendent. Princess Arthur of Connaught, R.R.C., S.R.N.

We are glad to learn that at the third Triennial Meeting of the Council of the Australian Nursing Federation the question of affiliation with the International Council of Nurses was discussed. Dr. Green considered that the members of the A.N.F. Council should be nurses, the President to be elected from their number. He suggested that a member of the Council of the State in which the meeting is held might take the chair without voting power. Not only from a nursing but also from a national point of view, affiliation should be obtained. The affiliation fee would be 3d. per annum for each financial member, which amount would be payable by the A.N.F. On the motion of Miss Kellett, seconded by Miss Gluyas, it was decided that steps be taken to procure affiliation. We hope Australian Nurses will be ready for admission to the I.C.N. in Paris in 1933.

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