

### NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

The annual meetings of the Nurses' Missionary League on May 8th were as usual representative of the League's world-wide membership, the excellent attendances, including nurses from India, China, Egypt and Uganda. The proceedings opened with an address from Miss Sparshott C.B.E., R.R.C., on the character which is required for service. She based her talk on the nineteenth chapter of Leviticus, and especially on the words, "Be ye holy, for I the Lord your God am Holy."

The talks at the morning session included a number of reports from hospital branches of the League, which showed a great variety of undertakings. The year's work was summarised by Miss Richardson in the remark that she had never known a year of such varied activity and initiative.

Throughout the day speakers from overseas showed the tremendous opportunities in their respective spheres. Mrs. Arnold Hughes told of developments in the hospital at Hong Kong; Miss E. R. Simpson showed the need at Ratnapur (Bengal) when she said that she had left her hospital with no Sister at all, and her Nurses had to wait to complete their training till she returned. Miss Anthony described the opportunities for training nurses in Cairo, and Miss France showed how the hospitals on the North-West Frontier of India are teaching the people a new code of love which they have never known before.

Lastly, Miss Hope Bell described the wonderful changes in China since she went out nineteen years ago, and told about the Nurses' Association of China with its 2,000 Chinese graduate members and 3,000 student members in registered training schools. One and all these speakers showed a wonderful field for service and voiced a great call.

### LEGAL MATTERS.

On May 13th, at Manchester Assizes, Vera Irene Madoc Hudson was convicted of forgery, and sent to prison for three months.

It was stated at the trial that when a patient left a Manchester Nursing Home the nurse went with her. She opened an account at the bank at which this lady had an account and then forged her signature to cheques, altogether she obtained £101.

We note that the name of Vera Irene Madoc Hudson does not appear in the State Register of Nurses for England and Wales for 1930. Proprietors of Nursing Homes should give this guarantee and the public should demand it.

#### £2,000 Damages.

At the Assizes at Cambridge on May 27th, Miss Doris Lawn a nurse (unregistered in the State Register of Nurses for England and Wales, 1930) was awarded £2,000 damages for breach of promise against Mr. Temple Bowyer of Kenya Colony, who did not defend the action.

For Miss Lawn it was stated that during 1923 and 1924, Mr. Bowyer wrote to her with the utmost affection, but subsequently broke off the engagement by cable.

#### Not a Trained Nurse.

The case we reported last month under the above heading which was heard at St. Marylebone Police Court, when Mrs. Elvira Long was charged with the attempted murder of Miss Bordi, the proprietress of the Nurses' Co-operation and Club, in New Cavendish Street, W., came up for hearing at the Old Bailey on May 13th, when Dr. Morton, Governor and Medical Officer of Holloway Prison, testified that the accused was suffering from delusional insanity. The jury found Mrs. Long to be insane so that she could not be tried on the charge, and the judge directed that she should be detained until His Majesty's pleasure be known.

It was widely stated in the Press that Mrs. Long was a trained nurse but this is incorrect, and wide publicity should be given to this fact.

### GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and thirteenth meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at 20, Portland Place, London, W., on May 23rd, the Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., presiding.

#### Finance.

The Finance Committee recommended, and it was agreed, that Bills and Claims submitted for payment be approved, and that the sum of £100 for postage stamps, £20 for insurance stamps, £10 for petty cash, and £6,000 for examiners' claims for the May Examinations be allowed.

The Committee reported that they had considered a letter from H.M. Inspector of Taxes with reference to the payment of Property Tax, Schedule "A" for the years 1924-5 to 1929-30, and Income Tax on Interest on Deposit Account for the years 1925-1929. They recommended that the sum of £296 12s. Property Tax and £223 8s. Income Tax on Deposit Account be paid for the above periods, and this was agreed.

The Committee raised no objection to Recommendations 12 and 13 of the General Purposes Committee (12) that 12 dozen metal trays at 18s. per dozen (£10 16s.) be purchased for the Registration Department, and (13) that the sum of £400 be allowed for repairs, cleaning and painting required in the offices for the year 1930.

Both these recommendations were sanctioned.

#### Registration.

The Registration Committee presented for approval five applications for Registration by Examination on the Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses, and seven by Reciprocity, five for the General Part of the Register, one for the Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, and one for the Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses.

The applications were approved.

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

#### Education and Examination.

The Education and Examination Committee made the following Recommendations:—

That the following hospitals be approved as training schools which in combination with other public hospitals give complete training under Section I (1) (b) of the Council's Scheme of Training:—

Port Talbot and District General Hospital, in affiliation with the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon.

Tiverton Hospital, in affiliation with the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter.

Budleigh Salterton Cottage Hospital, in affiliation with the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter.

That St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, London, in conjunction with the London Temperance Hospital be approved as a training school which in combination with a General Hospital gives complete training under Section I (1) (d) of the Council's Scheme of Training.

That the Scarborough Hospital and Dispensary, the provisional approval of which expires on June 17th, 1930, be now approved as a complete training school.

That provisional approval as a complete training school be granted to St. Andrew's Hospital, Dollis Hill, London, for a period of one year from May 23rd, 1930.

The additional schemes of reciprocal training between St. Mary's Hospital for Women and Children, Whitworth

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