

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE NIGHTINGALE FELLOWSHIP.

A large and representative audience assembled in the Governors' Hall at St. Thomas's Hospital on Friday, December 5th, to listen to the Address given by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick on "The Formation and History of the International Council of Nurses and its value to the Nursing Profession."

Miss A. Lloyd Still, President of the Nightingale Fellowship, was in the chair.

Mrs. Fenwick opened her Address by stating that the Council had been founded 31 years ago in London, and that it was the first time she had been asked to speak on the subject by an organisation of nurses in England. Mrs. Fenwick, carefully rendering "to Caesar the things that are Caesar's," spoke of the discovery of America by Christobal Colon (Columbus) in 1492, the commemorative Columbian Exposition and Congress at Chicago in 1893, her meeting with Miss Lavinia Dock and Mrs. May Wright Sewall, the High Priestess of the International Idea, and her own proposal in 1899, seconded by Miss Isla Stewart, to found the International Council of Nurses which now encircles the World by the affiliation of twenty-three National Councils of Nurses. The Address is to be fully reported in the official organ of the Nightingale Fellowship.

THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

There was a large and cheery gathering at the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses Winter Meeting which was held in the Nurses' Quarters on the 6th inst.

It had been decided earlier in the year that the League would endeavour to raise a sufficient sum of money to endow a bed in the new Surgical Block.

With this object in view, there was a goodly collection of articles suitable for Christmas gifts on sale. A pedlar who apparently hailed from the Far East did a brisk trade with his tray of wares, and the Nurses' Folk Society gave a charming display of traditional dances. An added zest was given to these various activities by the announcement that the required sum was already near completion, and over £100 was realised by the sale.

THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

The results of the State Examinations are as under:—

PRELIMINARY STATE EXAMINATION,
OCTOBER, 1930.

	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures
Complete Examination ...	2,582	107	2,475	1,666	809	32.7
Re-entries for Part Examination ...	343	17	326	190	127	38.0

FINAL STATE EXAMINATION, OCTOBER, 1930.

	General Register.	Supplementary parts of the Register					Fever Nurses.	Percentage of failures
		Male Nurses.	Mental Nurses.	Sick Children's Nurses.	Fever Nurses.			
Entered—								
Whole Examination	1,752	2,103	4	39	43	85	225	
Part Examination	351	4	4	3	4	15	37	
Absent—								
Whole Examination	33	45	—	3	4	1	4	
Part Examination	12	—	—	1	1	1	1	
Present—								
Whole Examination	1,719	2,058	4	36	39	84	221	
Part Examination	339	4	4	3	3	14	36	
Passed—								
Whole Examination	1,108	1,214	3	31	33	66	157	
Part Examination	106	—	3	2	3	10	23	
Failed—								
Whole Examination	611	844	1	5	6	18	64	
Part Examination	233	—	1	1	1	4	13	
Percentage of failures—								
Whole Examination	35.5%	25%	—	13.8%	21.4%	28.0%	28.0%	
Part Examination	68.7%	—	—	33%	28.5%	36.1%	36.1%	

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and eighteenth meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1, on November 28th, the Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., presiding.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Bills and Claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £200 for postage stamps, £10 for Insurance stamps, and £5 for Petty Cash were allowed.

In accordance with authority granted at the Council Meeting on October 24th, 1930, the following funds have been invested:—£4,000 Union of South Africa 5 per cent. 1950-1970 Stock, costing £4,150, and £3,000 Corporation of London 5 per cent. Inscribed Stock 1945-1965, costing £3,172 10s.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee the Estimates submitted by A. and E. Walter, Ltd., for 750 copies of List of Approved Training Schools, 1930 (£18 18s.) and 500 copies of Questionnaire, application for approval of Training Schools (£5 15s.) were accepted.

The Finance Committee made no objection to the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee that the following accounts be paid:—

Bovis, Ltd., Builders and Decorators ..	£530	0	6
Mayell and Cole, Architects	47	9	3
Edmundson's Electricity Corporation, Ltd.	12	11	9
	£590	1	6

That 500 Certificates of Registration by Reciprocity be ordered, at a cost of £6 2s. 6d. for 500.

That the Register be published in two volumes, one containing the names of Nurses on the General Part of the Register, and the other the names of Nurses on the Supplementary Parts of the Register, but that the two volumes be issued as one Register, Vols. I. and II., as the Register is becoming too bulky to bind in one volume.

That the estimate of Butler and Tanner, Ltd., for printing 250 copies of the Register of Nurses for 1931 in two volumes, amounting to £1,654 be accepted.

That the offices be closed from the evening of Tuesday, 23rd December until Monday morning, 29th December, for the Christmas Holiday.

Registration.

The applications of eight Registered Nurses for duplicate Silver Badges, in place of those of which the loss was reported a year ago, were granted upon their fulfilling the necessary conditions.

The Registration Committee presented for approval fourteen applications for admission to the General Part of the Register by Reciprocity, eleven applications for admission to the Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses by Examination and two by Reciprocity, and one to the Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses by Reciprocity. These were approved.

It was agreed to re-insert in the Register the names of thirty-three nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fees and now wished their names to be re-included.

Education and Examination.

The Education and Examination Committee reported that a further list of applications of Examinerships were approved, and the names of these Examiners added to the

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