

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain will be held on Thursday, October 22nd, at the Office, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be served at 4 p.m.

The President will present a Report of the business transacted at the recent Meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses held in Geneva last June.

Those eligible to attend the meeting are the Honorary Officers—President, Vice-Presidents, Directors, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, and the Presidents of Affiliated Organisations.

Members of the National Council of Nurses will be glad to learn that Miss S. A. Villiers, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., J.P., Hon. Secretary of the National Council of Nurses, has been elected a member of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Women of Great Britain for the year 1931-32, as one of the sixteen representatives of its Affiliated Societies.

MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

Miss Mary Sewart, Hon. Secretary, reports that the thirty-fourth quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at the Royal British Nurses Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on Saturday, the 12th September.

The chair was taken by Miss H. Lamb.

After the letters of regret were read, the Honorary Secretary announced that Miss Porter, of Bootham Park, York, and Miss Guyatt, of the City and County Mental Hospital, Bristol, had applied for membership. They were then unanimously elected members.

Nominations were received for a new chairman in the place of Miss Lamb, who retires, after two years of office, in December next. The Honorary Secretary was instructed to communicate with the ladies nominated and ascertain if they would be willing to stand for election.

Further correspondence between the Association of Hospital Matrons and the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association regarding the transfer of Nurses from Mental Hospitals to General Hospitals for a limited period was read. Owing to apparent difficulties it was decided to leave the matter in abeyance.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at 194, Queen's Gate, on Saturday, December 5th, 1931.

We sympathise with the desire of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association that generally trained nurses should

have opportunities for an insight into mental nursing, and similarly that mental nurses should have experience in general nursing. Both would gain thereby, but this does not appear practicable during the present course of three years' training for the State qualification.

INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The autumn meeting will be held at the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on Wednesday, October 21st, at 2.30 p.m.

By courtesy of Cow and Gate, Ltd., a film will be shown at 3.30, demonstrating the methods employed in manufacturing their dried milk products.

Members are asked to endeavour to be present and acquaint the Hon. Secretary of their intentions in this respect by October 14th.

THE BRADFORD ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

We always enjoy the annual issues of the Journals of the various Nurses' Leagues.

Amongst last month's issues we received the *League News*, No. 15, 1931, of the Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League, a really charming number—good matter, good pictures, good paper, and the cover in two shades of mauve with badge in centre is most tasteful.

We note a good balance in hand—very necessary in these hard times.

At the close of December, 1930, Mr. James Phillips, J.P., completed his twenty years' term of service to the Infirmary as Honorary Surgeon, and his portrait appears in the *News* inscribed, "Honorary Surgeon, Lecturer, Clinical Teacher, Kind Adviser and Sincere Friend to the Nursing Staff." At the Social Gathering which followed the Annual Meeting the President, Miss J. W. Davies, made a most

appreciative speech in presenting to Mr. Phillips "a personal gift to a dear friend," in which she said, "To give a gift is a pleasure and to thank a friend is a joy. We have always known Mr. Phillips to be a friend. Doctors look upon nurses in different ways, some as useful aids, such as instruments would be, or nail brushes; some as colleagues and help-mates. . . . The training school owes everything to Mr. Phillips; he has been a wonderful help in the training of nurses, a teacher and adviser, always ready to do in a friendly spirit, what people will not always do, correct and reprove when it was necessary."

Donations had poured in for the gifts, and they included a walnut bookcase and table in one, and a cheque for the purchase of books, a Chinese lacquered clock in dark blue and gold, a bridge box made of fine grained wood, and a pen tray and inkstand of the same beautiful wood bound



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