

### LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Mrs. Lydia W. Farside, of Scarborough, left £250 to her late nurse, Kate Hunt, of Sydenham.

Mr. John T. Brown, of Leytonstone, left bequests to nurses at Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End.

### THE UNITED NURSING SERVICES CLUB.

We are asked to state that the meeting of the shareholders of the United Nursing Services Club, Ltd., at 34, Cavendish Square, London, W.1, will be held on Wednesday, 25th November, 1931, at 2.30 p.m., to be followed by a general meeting of the members at 3 p.m.

The members of the House and Finance Committee retire automatically on the 25th November, 1931. Any member of this Club wishing to nominate a member to serve on this Committee should apply to the Secretary not later than 11th November for a nomination paper.

### GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and twenty-eighth meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held on Friday, October 23rd, at 2.30 p.m., at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., presided.

Miss Musson announced a letter of apology from Miss Villiers at her inability to attend the meeting.

Before proceeding to the consideration of the business on the Agenda paper, the Chairman announced that, owing to the date of the General Election having been fixed for October 27th, she had considered it desirable to postpone the Examination of the General Nursing Council by one day, which meant that it would be held from October 28th—31st, instead of from the 27th—30th. She hoped the Council would approve her action which was done. Miss Musson reported to the Council that the Office Staff had carried out the work entailed quickly and efficiently and that in no case had the authorities of the hospitals where the examinations were to be held raised any objection to the change. She thought that the thanks of the Council should be sent to them, and this was agreed.

#### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Finance Committee were authorised to invest the sum of £5,000—£7,000 after consultation with the Council's bankers.

Also the Council allowed £6,500 for Examiners' Fees and Expenses in connection with the October State Examinations.

#### Registration.

The Registration Committee reported that it had considered the question of the number of duplicate Badges which may be issued to any one nurse, and recommended that, except in case of loss at sea, fire, or other cause considered sufficient by the Committee, not more than one duplicate Badge shall be issued to any one Registered Nurse. The recommendation was approved.

Applications for Registration were: General Part of the Register, by Reciprocity, 3; Supplementary Part for Fever Nurses, by Examination, 9; by Reciprocity, 2. These were approved.

It was agreed to reinstate in the Register the names of 31 nurses who had failed to pay their Retention Fee, and now wished their names reinstated.

### Education and Examination.

The Education and Examination Committee made the following recommendations, which were approved:—

"That the following Hospitals be approved as Training Schools which, in combination with other Public Hospitals, give complete training under Section I. (1) (d) of the Council's Scheme of Training:—

County Sanatorium, Clare Hall, South Mimms, with Central Middlesex County Hospital, Willesden, or North Middlesex County Hospital, Edmonton, or West Middlesex County Hospital, Isleworth, or Redhill County Hospital, Edgware.

County Sanatorium, Harefield, Middlesex, with Central Middlesex County Hospital, Willesden, or North Middlesex County Hospital, Edmonton, or West Middlesex County Hospital, Isleworth, or Redhill County Hospital, Edgware."

"That the following Hospital be provisionally approved as a complete Training School for Fever Nurses for a period of one year from October 23rd, 1931:—

Doncaster Isolation Hospital and Sanatorium."

"That the following Hospital, the provisional approval of which expires on November 23rd, 1931, be now approved as a complete Training School for Fever Nurses:—

Isolation Hospital, Scartho, Grimsby."

The Committee reported that notification had been received that the scheme of affiliation between St. Luke's Hospital, Lowestoft, and the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital had been cancelled.

### Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

The Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee reported that they had considered the question as to whether conviction with a fine and imprisonment in default of payment comes under Rule 17 (4) of the Council's Rules, and recommended "that the Opinion of Counsel be taken on this matter."

The Chairman explained that it was desired to get a ruling on this question as the opinion of members of the Council was not agreed.

If the General Nursing Council received the names of certain Counsel and selected one, then they would abide by his Opinion, and apply that ruling in the future.

Dr. Porter enquired whether it was proposed to go to their own solicitors first.

### The State Uniform.

On the recommendation of the Uniform Committee, duplicate permits were issued to ten nurses, who had reported the loss of their permits six months ago to obtain the State Uniform.

### Date of Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for November 27th.

### DISCIPLINARY CASE.

The next business before the Council was to consider the case of Miss Elizabeth Hunter Ashburner, S.R.N., 22,927, deferred from the Council meeting on October 24th, 1930, when the decision was "that judgment in the case of Miss Elizabeth Ashburner, S.R.N., be deferred till the meeting of this Council a year hence."

It will be remembered that Miss Ashburner was charged at the Marlborough Street Police Court on July 4th, 1930, before Mr. Mead, with stealing a lady's dress, value £3 19s. 6d., from a West End store. She pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment in the second division for larceny, but appealed against this sentence at the County of London Appeal Sessions on August 5th, when the sentence was reduced by Mr. Wilberforce, Deputy Chairman. Miss Ashburner was bound over in the sum of £5 to come up for judgment if called upon to do so within twelve months, and was directed to pay the costs of the appeal.

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