

*Invitation to the International Council of Nurses.*

'That an invitation be sent from the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to the International Council of Nurses to hold the Quadrennial Meeting of the Grand Council and Congress in London in 1937.'

This was agreed.

Before the termination of the meeting, Miss Lloyd-Still proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair, to which the meeting heartily agreed.

The Members of the Grand Council were then entertained to tea by the President of the N.C.N., the new delegates expressing their deep interest in the proceedings.

**NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.****THE LEAGUE OF CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL NURSES.**

At a meeting held in the Nurses' Home at Charing Cross Hospital, the formation of a League of Charing Cross Hospital Nurses was discussed. The meeting was well attended, and the discussion was carried on with enthusiasm and genuine interest. There were over sixty Nurses present and a large number of letters were received expressing regret at inability to attend and an eager desire to co-operate in the scheme.

Miss Cochrane, the Matron, in her speech spoke of the aims of the League and outlined the Constitution and By-laws, which met with the approval of all present. The position of President was unanimously voted to Miss Cochrane, as was also that of Vice President to Miss A. Pike, a former Assistant Matron of the Hospital. Nominations were received for members to form the Executive Committee and it was decided to have a postal ballot to enable those members who could not be present an opportunity of expressing their wishes.

After the meeting a pleasant hour was spent in taking tea and renewing old acquaintances. Many of the Members who had not been back to the Hospital for a number of years were escorted round by the present staff and expressed their pleasure in the progress made by the additions and alterations to the Hospital.

Although it is only a fortnight since the meeting the response to the postal ballot has been so prompt, that the first Executive Meeting will take place on May 31st at the Nurses' Home in Charing Cross Hospital. Applications for Membership are pouring in from all countries, and it is evident that the League will have the enthusiastic and sustained support of the past, present and future Nursing staff.

**THE GUY'S HOSPITAL PAST AND PRESENT NURSES' LEAGUE.**

A large gathering of past and present Guy's Nurses met on May 6th, 1932, to attend the Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Guy's Nurses' League.

When all were assembled in the Nurses' Dining Room, Miss MacManus said grace, and everyone in happy mood partook of an excellent Dinner beautifully served.

At the conclusion of Dinner, the Annual Meeting was held in the Massage Department, when Miss MacManus, Matron and Hon. Secretary, opened the proceedings with a speech of welcome.

Lady Cosmo Bonsor, President of the League, then invited Miss Gladys White, M.M., R.R.C., Matron of the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, to take the Chair.

Miss MacManus presented the Report of the past year, which testified to the many and various activities of the League, one very satisfactory item being that the piece of land adjoining the lower end of the grounds of the Nurses' Cottage at Honor Oak Park has been purchased by the Governors of the Hospital, and that they have leased it to the Trustees of the Guy's Hospital Nurses' League concurrently and on similar terms with the lease of February, 1924, i.e., 999 years at an annual rent of £10. The whole

of the property, about 2½ acres, is now vested in the Trustees of the League, practically as a freehold, subject to an annual charge of £40.

In addition to the books acquired, a presentation had been received from Major Ian Hay-Beith (Ian Hay) of twelve autographed copies of his books.

Since the last Meeting, the League had lost through death eight past members and one associate member.

In presenting the Joshua W. Butterworth Medals (awarded to Nurses of Guy's Hospital after five years' consecutive service) the Chairman humorously remarked that in her time, the men considered it meant "28 at least," twenty-three being the earliest age at which Probationers could begin their training. Mr. Eason, the Medical Superintendent, in congratulating the winners of this medal expressed the opinion it showed that the Rules of Guy's Hospital were kept, and pointed out that although Miss MacManus had received her training there, she was only now eligible to receive this medal. He alluded to the fact that there had been at Guy's Hospital, since 1724, a succession of fourteen Matrons, of whom seven were still alive; the moral being that if anyone could survive office in that capacity nothing could kill them off!

A spirit of enthusiasm prevailed throughout the Meeting, and the high standard of Exhibits—Photographs, Paintings, Sketches and Needlework testified to the whole-hearted support of past and present members of the League.

A further evidence of the value of the League's activities was evinced in the admirable manner in which votes of thanks were proposed and seconded by the members, probably due to the experience gained in the Debating Society, a feature of the League.

**THE NURSES' LEAGUE, ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, W.2.**

The Annual Meeting of the Nurses' League, St. Mary's Hospital, W.2, was held during the afternoon of Saturday, May 28th.

The President reported that this was the first meeting since the Constitution of the League had been revised.

Membership is now for qualified Nurses only. Comment was also made of the splendid co-operation between past and present members of the Nursing Staff during 1931 when the sum of £500 was raised towards the total required for commencement of the New Nurses' Home.

It was decided to publish before the end of the year a printed list showing names and addresses of members, request being made that forms of application for League Membership together with subscription be returned as soon as possible.

A very cordial welcome was then given to Miss Darbyshire, R.R.C., Matron of University College Hospital, and many who remembered happily the time when Miss Darbyshire was Matron of St. Mary's were delighted to renew their acquaintance.

Miss Darbyshire expressed her pleasure in returning to St. Mary's, spoke delightfully of personal reminiscences, giving special reference to her interview with Miss Nightingale when appointed Sister at St. Thomas's Hospital. Miss Darbyshire stressed a fact that Miss Nightingale would have been so interested in the activities and interests of the Nursing Profession to-day, and terminated her most instructive address by referring to the aims and objects of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

**FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.**

At the Council Meeting of the Association Dr. E. H. R. Harries, Medical Superintendent of the North Eastern Hospital, was elected President for the ensuing year. It was decided to hold the Annual Meeting of the Association at the North Eastern Hospital, Tottenham, on Saturday, June 18th, at 3 p.m. After the Meeting tea will be provided. Members are asked to notify the Secretary at 6, Western Road, Romford, of their intention to be present.

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