

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Winter General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses was held on the afternoon of Saturday, December 5th.

A Resolution affecting the future administration of the Benevolent Fund of the League was passed, and the Rule now stands that applications (for assistance from the Fund) may be made by any League member or certificated nurse of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

After the business meeting a delightful social gathering of members took place in the spacious Nurses' Sitting Room in Queen Mary's Nurses' Home. The buzz of animated conversation never ceased round the charming tea-tables, with their delicious array of pretty cakes, which members have learned to associate with these happy reunions.

There were 180 members present, which for a winter gathering speaks well for the keen interest in the League made so doubly pleasurable by the warm welcome to each and everyone by the President, Miss Dey, R.R.C., Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The League Members will be pleased to know that Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., has been nominated one of their four representatives on the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Her valuable work for the International Council of Nurses as its treasurer cannot be over-estimated.

MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The Thirty-fifth Quarterly Meeting of The Mental Hospital Matrons' Association took place on Saturday, December 5th, at The Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.

Miss Brown, Borough Mental Hospital, Rowditch, Derby. Miss Ley, City Mental Hospital, Nottingham, and Miss Matthews, County Mental Hospital, Chester, had written resigning their membership on their retirement. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to ask them to become Honorary members. Miss Parry, Wonford house, Exeter, resigned on her marriage. Miss Sewart was asked to send the congratulations and good wishes of the Association to Miss Parry.

Miss Leslie, Mental Hospital, Isle of Man, Miss Robinson, County Mental Hospital, Morpeth, Northumberland, and Miss Newlands, St. Luke's Hospital, Grove Hill, Middlesbrough, were elected members of the Association.

Miss Cuthbert, Severalls Mental Hospital; Colchester, was elected Chairman in the place of Miss Lamb who retires in rotation.

It was decided to hold future meetings on the first Saturday in the month instead of the second as has been done previously. The next meeting will take place on Saturday March 5th, 1932, at 194, Queen's Gate.

THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION.

The Biennial Convention of the three national nursing organisations of the United States of America—the American Nurses Association, the National League of Nursing Education, and the National Organisation for Public Health Nursing—will be held in San Antonio, Texas, from April 11th to April 16th, 1932, inclusive.

ROYAL NAVAL NURSING SERVICE PAY.

The following revised scales of pay for members of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service have been instituted with effect from October 1st:—

Head sister-in-chief £213 15s. a year minimum, to £261 5s. maximum, plus an allowance of £47 10s.; head sister, £213 15s., to £261 5s.; superintending sister, £116 3s. to £174 19s.; and sister, £62 18s. to £106 11s.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The One Hundred and Thirtieth Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the Offices of the Council, 20, Portland Place, London, W., on December 18th at 2.30 p.m. The Chairman Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., presided.

Finance.

Bills and Claims submitted for payment by the Finance Committee were approved, and £150 allowed for Postage Stamps and £20 for Insurance Stamps.

It was agreed that copies of the Rules of the Council should be issued at a cost of 1s. post free, and the various Syllabuses of Training and Examination at a cost of 6d. post free.

The Committee raised no objection to Recommendations 11 and 12 of the General Purposes Committee.

These were (11) that two 4-drawer oak (mahogany polish) foolscap filing cabinets be purchased at a cost of £6 10s. each, for the Registrar's Department and

(12) that the estimate of Messrs. Edmundsons Electricity Corporation amounting to £7 5s. for renewing flexible cords throughout the Council Offices, refixing switch block and bracket on back stairs and repairing faulty circuit in cellar, be accepted.

Registration.

The Registration Committee reported that the numbers of successful candidates at the October Examinations who had been approved for registration by the Registration Committee on November 27th were as follows:—

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| General Register | 1,567 |
| Supplementary Part of the Register for— | |
| Male Nurses | 6 |
| Mental Nurses | 35 |
| Sick Children's Nurses | 64 |
| Fever Nurses | 143 |
| Total .. | 1,815 |

Permission was given for a duplicate Silver Badge to be issued to a Registered Nurse, who reported the loss a year ago, on payment by her of the price of the Badge, and the additional expense of engraving the word "Duplicate."

Applications for approval for Registration on December 18th were: General Part of the Register, by Reciprocity, 4. Supplementary Register for Fever Nurses, 6. It was agreed to include in the Register the names of 26 Nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their Retention Fee, and now wished their names re-included.

Education and Examination.

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

"That the following hospital be provisionally approved as a Complete Training School for a period of one year from December 18th, 1931:—

"Burslem, Haywood & Tunstall War Memorial Hospital, Burslem."

"That the amended arrangement of the Syllabus (of Subjects for Examination for the Certificate of General Nursing) be approved."

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

The Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee reported that the Committee had obtained the Opinion of Mr. G. D. Roberts with reference to the interpretation of R.17 (4) of the Council's Rules. This is as follows: :

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