

who had completed 21 years' service under the Institute:—

Miss Frances M. L. Allen (superintendent, Liverpool D.N. Association—Lady Williamson Home), Miss Katherine G. Bellingham (superintendent, Plaistow D.N. Association—Barking Home), Miss Norah C. Brindley (assistant superintendent in Central Office), Miss Priscilla Simpson (superintendent, Durham C.N. Association), Miss Sophie T. Grieves (assistant superintendent, Somerset C.N. Association), Miss Caroline E. King (senior nurse, Burnley D.N. Association), Miss Agnes F. Easton (Queen's nurse, West Kilbride D.N. Association), Mrs. Elizabeth C. Funnell (Queen's nurse, Three Towns, Plymouth), Miss Emily M. Halliday (Queen's nurse, Whitehouse D.N. Association), Miss Eleanor Jones (Queen's nurse, Machynlleth D.N. Association), Miss Jean B. Macaulay (Queen's nurse, Deal D.N. Association), and Mrs. Angelina Roberts (Queen's nurse, Altrincham D.N. Association).

Reports were submitted from the various sub-committees showing excellent progress in all branches of the Institute's work. There was a deficit on the funds at the end of the year, and, in presenting the report of the finance committee, Lord Aberdare explained that if it had not been for the large sum raised by the gardens scheme the Institute would have been faced with a very serious financial crisis.

The list of members to be recommended to Her Majesty for appointment on the Council for the three years commencing March 1st was presented by the chairman and approved.

We desire to call the attention of the Members of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, the Presidents of the Affiliated Leagues and Associations, and the Hon. Officers, to the recommendation of its Advisory International Standing Committee that the April meeting should be held on April 14th next, and that the day should be taken for its deliberations—a meeting to be summoned from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 and from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.

After the routine business of the Executive Committee, it is time that consideration should be given to the Business and Programme of the meeting of the Grand Council of the International Council of Nurses, and of the Congress, Paris-Brussels, July, 1933.

(1) Important items on the Agenda will be to suggest Subjects for Discussion and to nominate speakers.

(2) To receive a Report on the Florence Nightingale International Foundation Scheme.

The Scheme drafted by the representatives of the International Council of Nurses and the League of Red Cross Societies, together with delegates from the National Council of Nurses, the British Red Cross Society, the College of Nursing, and Bedford College, has now been agreed and despatched to the President of the International Council of Nurses at Paris to be considered by her, and if approved to be submitted to the Governing Body of the League of Red Cross Societies, and should the League agree to its provisions the Presidents of the National Associations of Nurses and of National Red Cross Societies will receive copies of the Scheme, when, it is hoped, progress will be made

to enlist interest in the Florence Nightingale International Foundation throughout the world.

It is proposed that the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain shall organise a Florence Nightingale Week in London in the first week of July next, to which the members or their representatives of the International Florence Nightingale Committee, I.C.N., and others shall be invited, when a Conference how best to promote the Scheme will be held and social functions organised in their honour.

Thus it will be seen that the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain has a very busy year before it if it is to take an active part in the Paris-Brussels Congress next year, and if, as is anticipated, a Florence Nightingale International Foundation is to materialise with the support of the world's nurses and the League of Red Cross Societies in those countries where National Health owes so much to their ministrations. It will be splendid if the Florence Nightingale International Foundation can be reported at Paris as a *fait accompli*.

The First General Meeting of the newly-formed League of London Hospital Nurses was held at the Hospital on Saturday, January 30th, at 2.30 p.m.

The Matron, Miss Littleboy, welcomed the guests, who numbered nearly 300, and a short business meeting followed.

The President, Miss Monk, C.B.E., R.R.C., addressed the assembly and spoke of the beginnings of the League and the object of its formation, which was mainly to keep past and present workers in touch with one another and to stimulate interest in all branches of the work within and outside the Hospital. She said that until financial stability was ensured progress must be very gradual, but mentioned the possibility of printing and circulating a Gazette or Leaflet to keep members informed of events of importance.

The Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary presented their reports, and various members spoke from the body of the Hall, as well as from the Platform, on possible activities and developments of the League, whose members already number 550. A spirit of great enthusiasm pervaded the meeting.

After votes of thanks to the Chairman, House Committee and Matron for providing tea, to the Dean of the College for lending the Library, to the Sisters and Staff who had decorated the Hall, and to the President for all her work for the League, a move was made to the College Dining Room. Here the party was joined by Sir William Goschen, the Chairman, and other Members of the House Committee, and tea and talk ended a remarkably successful afternoon.

Nurses' Leagues which in the past united to form the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and thus helped to found the International Council of Nurses, will be glad to know that the new League of London Hospital Nurses has applied for affiliation with the National Council. As this League has already 500 members it should add considerably to our solidarity and power of professional expression.

The death of the King of Toastmasters, Mr. William Knightsmith, which we deeply regret to record, reminds

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