

maintained amid these conditions. The war aroused in the nursing profession a deepened spirit of vocation and self-sacrifice, and this was reflected in many of the N.M.L. branches in the home hospitals where meetings were held in spite of all difficulties. Amid the widely scattered members the links of fellowship and intercession were strengthened and valued as perhaps never before. The work of the Travelling Secretaries, of the Summer Camps, the Quiet Days have all helped to build up this fine organisation. The growth of the League has been continuous.

"How far, we may ask, has the first mission of the pioneers been fulfilled? During the first year of the League's existence four members sailed for the mission field, and from that time only one year (1917-18, when war conditions made travelling impossible) has passed in which no recruits have sailed. The average annual number since 1918 has been 30; and to-day 426 members are serving as Missionary Sisters in practically every country of the world, besides others who are doing truly missionary work in Government Hospitals. More important than these figures has been the wonderful advance in conditions of work in mission hospitals. In 1903 many such hospitals were primitive in the extreme; real nursing was almost unknown, and it was exceedingly rare to find any native women willing to help in such despised service. The first work of the early N.M.L. volunteers was to gain confidence, and gradually, by their lives and example, to establish an ideal of nursing service. During the succeeding years an almost miraculous change has taken place. In China, recognised training schools are year by year passing out fully-qualified Chinese nurses, members of the Nurses' Association of China, who are taking posts as Matrons, Sisters, Sister Tutors in up-to-date mission hospitals, or going out to do district or welfare work. One holds an appointment on the Ministry of Health of the Chinese Government. In India similar changes have taken place, and the Trained Nurses' Association of India is holding regular examinations and building up a nursing profession of high standard. In many parts of Africa and in other lands similar work is being done to train fully-qualified indigenous nurses. In all these developments members of the N.M.L. have played a leading part, and many are now working with native colleagues in large fully-equipped hospitals with a keen staff of probationers in training. It is, however, still the case that in many places, in up-country stations and in villages, the work is sheer pioneering, done under entirely primitive conditions. There is need for recruits to-day, as there was thirty years ago, for a vastly increased variety of professional work, but always with the one aim that through their nursing service they may make known the love of God and win men and women for His Kingdom.

"In this great world-enterprise members in the home land have taken their share by intercession, and also by raising funds.

"Another aspect of finance is that of the League's own funds. The first printed balance sheet, in 1904, showed an expenditure of £90 13s. 2d; the latest shows expenditure of over £1,200. We can, however, record with gratitude that liabilities have been met year by year, and in this, as in other ways, God has supplied our need.

"This little record has been occupied largely with facts; but behind and beyond all we believe that there lies the greatest fact of the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit. In His power alone the work has gone forward, lives have been changed and dedicated to the service of God, members have been enabled to go forth as His messengers, whether at home or overseas. The work has been blessed far beyond the hope or thought of its founders, and we look to the future in sure confidence that He Who hath led will lead forward to even greater things."

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and forty-fourth Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 20, Portland Place, London, W.1, on March 24th, 1933. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

The Chairman reported that Miss E. M. Wetherall, who falsely represented herself to be a State Registered Nurse, had been summoned to appear before the Magistrate at Hendon, and had been fined £5.

Correspondence.

The following letter was reported from the Nurses' and Masseurs' Registration Board, Queensland:—

Brisbane, January 27th, 1933.

MADAM,

I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 16th ultimo, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by your Council in regard to the reciprocal registration of Mental Nurses, which was placed before my Board at its last meeting, who have accepted the terms of reciprocity as laid down by your Council.

Yours obediently,

L. E. MELLISH,

THE REGISTRAR,

General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Registrar.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and £15 for Insurance Stamps and £5 for Petty Cash allowed.

Registration.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee, it was agreed that a list showing those of His Majesty's Dominions with which Reciprocal Registration has been established be included annually in the Printed Register.

Applications for approval for Registration on March 24th, 1933, were: General Register, by Reciprocity, 6; Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses, by Examination 9, by Reciprocity, 1. Total 18.

It was agreed that 80 Nurses, who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that the Haywards Heath Hospital be approved in affiliation with the Princess Alice Hospital, Eastbourne, and the Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings; and that the provisional approval granted to the Hospital, Lytham, in affiliation with Clayton Hospital, Wakefield, be extended for a further year from March 18th, 1933.

Mental Nursing.

On the recommendation of the Mental Nursing Committee, it was agreed that the provisional approval granted to Ewell Mental Hospital, Epsom, be extended for a further period of one year from April 25th, 1933.

General Purposes.

On the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, it was agreed that all vacancies which may occur for officers above the rank of First Division Clerk be advertised.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The date of the next Meeting was fixed for Friday April 28th, 1933.

The Council then deliberated *in camera*.

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