

Applications for Membership were received and all the applicants were elected.

A considerable amount of correspondence was received from Members concerning the Florence Nightingale Memorial Foundation Fund, expressing keen interest in the movement and sending or promising to send donations.

Miss Villiers gave a short account of the progress of the Fund up to date, and it was agreed to donate £10 from the General Fund of the Association. In addition donations were received from: Miss McGrouther and staff, Borough Isolation Hospital, Bedford, 10s.; Miss E. Day and staff, the Hospital, Steppingley, Bedford, 8s. 6d.; Miss Sharpe, M.B.C.N., 2s. 6d.; Miss McLoughlin, 2s. 6d.; Miss E. S. Miles, Matron, Heybridge Isolation Hospital, Maldon, 5s.

It was decided that very shortly the total subscriptions would be complete, as in response to the circular letter which had been sent to all members in Hospitals and Sanatoria a number of Members had written promising donations within a few days.

After considering the venue for the Annual Meeting, it was agreed to refer the matter to the next Meeting.

Prior to the Meeting, Members had looked forward to an Address by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick on the present position of the Florence Nightingale International Memorial Fund, and much regret was unanimously expressed to learn of her absence owing to an attack of influenza.

It was agreed that a happy feature of the afternoon was the intermingling over the teacups of members of two other associations, at the conclusion of their respective meetings, when a delicious tea was served in the drawing room and for which a vote of thanks was accorded to Miss I. Macdonald.

The Meeting then terminated.

THE LEAGUE OF LONDON HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Third General Meeting of the League of London Hospital Nurses is being held in the Library of the Medical College, by kind permission of the Dean, as we go to press, and to judge from the Agenda many interesting items will be under discussion.

The President, Miss Monk, will give an Address on (a) The Inauguration of a Benevolent Fund, and (b) The Florence Nightingale Memorial. The wonderful professional spirit of "Londoners," who, without hesitation, have provided a whole Florence Nightingale Scholarship of £250 for the interim year, places the League in the front rank of "Bridge Builders," and helps to make it possible for the world to go forward to endow the "Florence Nightingale Foundation" on a sound financial basis.

The Meeting will also discuss the appointment of representatives of the League to attend the Meeting of the Congress of the I.C.N. in Paris-Brussels next July. We hope there will be many "Purple Ribbons" attached to the beautiful League Badges which members are entitled to wear.

At the end of the business meeting, Miss Nan Dorsey, R.N., Superintendent of the International Students' Hostel, 15, Manchester Square, will give a short talk on the work of Scholarship Students.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA INFIRMARY, PAISLEY, NURSES' LEAGUE.

The recently formed Nurses' League held their second reunion on Saturday.

After the presentation of prizes by the President of Directors, Mr. James Begg, to Miss Margaret Stewart and Miss Nora Gaynor, for practical nursing and surgical work respectively, an address was given by Mrs. Norman Stewart on Labrador.

Mrs. Stewart had worked with her husband, Dr. Stewart, in the hospital and other beneficent agencies of Dr. Grenfell,

and the League felt a justifiable pride in hearing Mrs. Stewart's vivid account of the wonderful transformation wrought in land and people by the wise and resourceful methods of Dr. Grenfell under hardships and difficulties wellnigh insuperable: it was an inspiration to remember that one of their number had a share in it. She told also that Sir Wilfrid Grenfell himself would shortly visit Paisley to plead for the endowment of his Mission.

Sister Robb, a delegate along with Sister Monie to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, reported the launching of a scheme of scholarships for nurses as an International memorial to Florence Nightingale. The League has taken this up with enthusiasm, and its first specific effort will be made on Friday, February 10th, when a lecture on the "History of Nursing" will be given in the Nurses' Home by Miss Isabel Macdonald, the gifted secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, who will show a unique collection of slides, among them some of Queen Margaret of Scotland.

Miss Robb also expressed her sense of privilege in meeting Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and others who had done and were still doing so much for the profession.

THE MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The 40th Quarterly Meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association will be held at the Royal British Nurses' Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on Saturday, March 4th, 1933, at 2.30 p.m., preceded by a meeting of the Executive Committee at 2 p.m.

We note from the Agenda that the Association is under the impression that a Delegate can be appointed to attend the International Council of Nurses in July. This is not provided for in the Constitution, as National Associations can alone elect official Delegates, and this was done at the Annual Meeting in November. Any member, however, specially chosen to attend the Congress, will we feel sure be accorded every courtesy possible in connection with the meetings and social functions in Paris and Brussels.

ROYAL VICTORIAN TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

Disturbed by the growing tendency for the wearing of nurses' attire by unqualified persons, the Royal Victorian branch of the Australian Nursing Federation has appointed a sub-committee to discuss action to ensure that the characteristic nurses' cap and uniform are worn only by those entitled to them.

For some years registered nurses, of whom there are 5,000 in Victoria, have been aggrieved at the wearing by dentists and doctors' assistants, lift girls and others of the cap and tail headgear, to which nurses who have completed their hospital training are entitled, but no definite action has previously been made to protect the uniform.

The formation of the sub-committee is intended to give nurses an opportunity to design a distinctive cap, which would be registered, its wearing by any but fully qualified nurses being a punishable offence.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

False Birth and Marriage Records.

In their report for the year ended March 31st, 1932, just issued, the Central Midwives Board comment on the alteration by candidates of their birth, baptismal, and marriage certificates. In six cases there had been falsification of dates. Many other candidates had submitted certificates in which Christian names had been altered. The report states:

"The continued practice of presenting certificates which have been falsified will probably at no distant date compel the Board to consider whether in appropriate cases prosecutions should be undertaken."

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