

League were women nurses registered on the supplementary part of the Register.

It was proposed by Miss Musson, seconded by Miss Cochrane and unanimously agreed, that the League of Fever Nurses be admitted to the National Council of Nurses.

An Application Form was also received from the Kent County Mental Hospital Nurses' League.

Name of President: Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C.
Name of Hon. Secretary: Miss Mary Shorten.
Number of Members: 56.

Miss Macaulay stated that according to the regulations of the Council all the Members of the League were eligible as far as training and Registration by the State were concerned. They were making an effort to bring the League still more and more in touch with General Nursing, and she thought that by being recognised by the National Council of Nurses the status of the Mental Nurses would be greatly advanced.

The President pointed out that it was as much to the advantage of the Council as to the advantage of the Mental Nurses to associate together, as long as they were registered by the State and not examined and under the authority of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, because any proposition of that sort would mean that the Council would agree to ignore the legal status of the Mental Nurses attained through the Nurses Registration Act. Unless registered by the State they were not Professional Nurses.

It was proposed by Miss Bushby, seconded by Miss Clark, and unanimously agreed that the Kent County Mental Hospital Nurses' League be admitted to the National Council of Nurses.

An Application Form had been received from the League of Mental Hospital Nurses.

This League, the President stated, wrote some time ago for admission, and was asked to send its Constitution. The League is composed of male and female Mental Nurses, and also Nurses in training. The question of sex should not now disqualify, although so far Male Nurses had not applied for admission. But the League admits to membership persons not registered by the State, and also those in training. Nurses may be taught, examined and certified by the Royal Medico-Psychological Association and are ineligible for registration.

Miss Macaulay pointed out that at the time of its formation it was not formed with any hope of being eligible to become affiliated to the National Council of Nurses; its object was to raise the standard in Mental Hospitals.

It was unanimously agreed, with regret, not to admit the League of Mental Hospital Nurses, as at present organised, pointing out that the Council cannot recognise unprofessional bodies.

TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS OF PRESIDENTS OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

The following nominations of new Presidents of Affiliated Associations had been received:—

COLLEGE OF NURSING.

Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., appointed President in place of Mrs. E. MacGregor Rome, R.R.C.

MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., appointed President in place of Miss E. M. Cuthbert.

LEAGUE OF SISTER TUTORS.

Miss E. LeBeau, appointed President in place of Miss D. K. Graham.

TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS OF DELEGATES OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

The following new Delegates were nominated by their respective organisations and approved:—

ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL MATRONS.

Miss H. A. Alsop, in place of Miss E. E. D. MacManus, O.B.E., appointed a Director.

BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

Miss M. Ingman, in place of Miss M. G. Allbutt, now President of the Fulham Hospital Nurses' League.

Mrs. E. Wates, in place of Miss A. S. Bryson, delegate of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association.

COUNTY AND COUNTY BOROUGH HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

Miss J. Inglis, in place of Miss A. Dowbiggin.

LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY NURSES LEAGUE.

Miss A. E. Billington, Matron, Maclean Institute, London, in place of Miss G. M. Bulman, R.R.C., now President of the League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses.

LEAGUE OF SISTER TUTORS.

Miss C. Nelson, in place of Miss E. S. Laing.

LEAGUE OF TRAINED NURSES OF THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, SHEFFIELD.

Miss F. Allen, in place of Mrs. E. Mathieson.

The following Report was then presented:

THE REPORT OF THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The Advisory Committee met on March 13th, 1934.

There were present:—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, in the Chair, Miss E. L. Macaulay, Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss E. M. Musson, Miss G. M. Littleboy, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss J. C. Cowie and Miss S. A. Villiers, Hon. Secretary.

Letters of regret at non-attendance were received from:—Miss M. S. Cochrane, Miss H. Dey, Miss A. Lloyd-Still and Miss Breay.

Finance.

It was reported that there was in the bank £644 16s. 5d., £500 of which was on deposit of the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Fund, £1,000 having been donated for four Scholarships, 1933-1934.

It was agreed to award one Scholarship of £250 to an English student for 1934-1935, and as the name and qualifications had to be submitted by April 1st, it was agreed to circularise the Presidents of the Leagues of large Training Schools affiliated to the National Council of Nurses in England, and a Committee of three, Miss Musson, Miss Cochrane and the President, were nominated to interview the candidates recommended.

The Sub-Committee met on Saturday, April 7th, at 11.30 a.m., and interviewed two candidates who had been requested to attend.

1. Miss Dorothy Mary Dickinson, S.R.N., trained at Charing Cross Hospital, and Sister there of the Gynaecological Ward and Theatre, who wished to take the Course in Public Health Nursing. She also held the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board:

2. Miss Kathleen Marion Whitsed, S.R.N., trained at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, and Sister of the Children's Ward. She also held the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

Both candidates were highly recommended by their Matrons, and the Sub-Committee ultimately awarded the Scholarship to Miss D. M. Dickinson, who will enter for the Course in Public Health for Nurses at Bedford College in August, for the Session 1934-1935.

After the Scholarship of £250 has been deducted there remains in the bank £394 16s. 5d.

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