

Miss Lloyd-Still, President, I.C.N., stated that an Executive Secretary I.C.N. had practically been selected by the Committee appointed in Brussels—also that the lease of the Office in Geneva had been extended.

Miss Dey proposed and Miss Cochrane seconded a vote of thanks to the Chair.

The Meeting then terminated.

THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Fourth Annual General Meeting and the Re-Union of Past and Present Nurses will be held in the Nurses' Home, on Saturday, May 26th, at 3 p.m. Speaker: Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D. The Service in the Chapel at 2.30 will be conducted by the Rev. Arthur Buxton. Tea after the Meeting.

LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

On Saturday, May 26th, the Leeds General Infirmary Past and Present Nurses' Reunion will take place. All former L.G.I. Nurses will be very welcome.

There will be a service in the Chapel at 3 o'clock, followed by a Reception in the Nurses' Dining-room, to which all are very cordially invited. In the evening there will be a Dinner at the Great Northern Hotel. Tickets, etc., for that can be obtained from Mrs. Hebblethwaite, Secretary of the League, at 35, West Cliff Road N., Roker, Sunderland.

MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The forty-fifth Quarterly Meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association will be held at the Kent County Mental Hospital, Barming, near Maidstone, on Saturday, June 2nd, at 2.30 p.m., preceded by a meeting of the Executive Committee at 2 p.m.

LEAGUE OF FEVER NURSES.

The first Annual Meeting of the League of Fever Nurses will be held at Colindale Hospital, The Hyde, Hendon, N.W., on Saturday, June 9th, at 3 o'clock.

LONDON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF NURSES.

The Annual Service, General Meeting and Dinner of The London Hospital League of Nurses will be held on July 14th, 1934. Details will be issued to members later. We are invited to publish this preliminary announcement.

INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—At the meeting of the above Association held at the Borough Hospital, Roman Road, East Ham, I was asked to convey to you the sincere thanks of the members for the publication and distribution of the leaflet setting forth the full discussion which took place in the General Nursing Council for England and Wales on the disastrous proposal to divide the Preliminary State Examination of Nurses, recommended by the Lancet Commission.

We all realise that the principle of the one portal examination to the State Register must be supported at all costs.

With great and sincere appreciation for what you have done and are doing for Nurses,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

BEATRICE M. WEST, Hon. Secretary.

GLASGOW ROYAL MENTAL HOSPITAL.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIPS APPEAL.

On the evening of March 9th a concert was given in the Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital in aid of the Florence Nightingale Fund. Notices were sent out to all the hospitals in the district and these, combined with personal invitations on the part of the staff, brought an audience of some three hundred people to hear the entertainment. Previous to its commencement tea was served in one of the wards, and this provided a splendid opportunity for old friends and acquaintances to have a talk together. Following that the audience adjourned to the hall where an excellent and varied entertainment was given to suit all tastes and temperaments. Following on the opening chorus there was a selection of solos and choral numbers, but the most enjoyable items were perhaps the two sketches—one entitled "Courtin' Christina" and the other an old favourite, "Who Died First?" The former depicted the wooing of a young shopgirl by a youthful and inexperienced Highland laddie; the latter showed what happened to a husband and wife when each in turn pretended to be dead in order that the other could extract funeral expenses from the landlord. Several popular songs were sung in addition to a selection of old Scotch airs. Another very amusing number was sung entitled "The Old Top Hat," in which little skits were made at certain officials of the hospital. These in addition to musical interludes, a Highland dance, etc., completed a very enjoyable evening.

The Concert Party is composed of the Nursing Staff of the Hospital together with some "Old Friends" from outside who annually give their services and talent to the Party. This year four Concerts have been given to date, two to the patients of the Asylum, one at the Nurses' Club and the last one we have mentioned. Their annual Christmas show is an event much looked forward to by the patients and thoroughly enjoyed by them all. This time, however, they all worked hard for the excellent cause and following on a silver collection £9 was counted and will be forwarded to the Florence Nightingale Fund.

In a communication from Miss Elizabeth Brodie she sends us the good news that the total is now £14, and that—after the concert held on April 5th, by which it is hoped to raise a little more—a cheque will be sent in support of the N.C.N. Scholarships Appeal.

Scottish nurses will learn with pleasure that one Florence Nightingale Scholarship has been awarded by the British Red Cross Society, through the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee, to a Scottish candidate, Miss Barbara Renton, who was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, 1927-1931, and obtained the Certificate of the Midwives Board at the Royal Maternity Hospital, Edinburgh, in 1933.

OBITUARY.

MISS MELITA JONES.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Miss Melita Jones, who was for long an outstanding figure in the nursing world in New Zealand. She was for some time Matron of the Nelson Hospital, was a Member of the Matrons' Council and a foundation Member of the Australian Trained Nurses' Association. She took an active interest in professional and public matters, and was for many years a delegate for the Auckland Branch of the National Council of Women. A Memorial Service for Miss Jones was held at the Nurses' Club, Mountain Road, Auckland, which was largely attended, for Miss Jones had a wide circle of friends. She joined the Royal British Nurses Association in 1893, and since then has taken a keen and friendly interest in all its activities. She was an appreciative subscriber to THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for upwards of thirty years, and sent kind wishes annually.

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