

nurses must become familiar with the underlying principles of normal development and reactions of human beings as well as the treatment and cure of those who suffer physically and emotionally.

All nursing in the future will be vitally concerned with the prevention of illness and with teaching the elements of health. Mental and physical hygiene will be integrated with the social sciences into all teaching in preparation for the practice of the profession, and nursing will be interpreted as the care of the patient in his mental, physical, and social relations in sickness and in health.

RESOLUTION.

At the termination of the discussion opened by Miss Ida Carlsson of Stockholm, Miss Wanda Lankajtes, Instructor, Warsaw School of Nursing, and Baroness L. van Hogendorp, President of the National Nurses' Association, Holland, respectively, the following Resolution was agreed and submitted to the Board of Directors which endorsed it.

MENTAL NURSING AND HYGIENE.

That the International Council of Nurses endorse the principles embodied in the progress report presented by the Committee on Mental Nursing and Hygiene to the Grand Council of the I.C.N., and that in considering the curricula of schools of nursing the Education Committee incorporate these principles into the suggested programmes which it may develop.

THE PASSING BELL.

On Sunday, December 31st, died at King's College Hospital, Miss Mary Elizabeth Ann Ray, of 10, Wetherby Mansions, S.W., youngest daughter of the late William Ray, Greenbank, Lossiemouth, formerly Sister-Matron of King's College Hospital, when in Clare Market, where she trained under Miss Monk and completed her training in 1892, when she continued as a Sister for four years. Except for some time as Assistant Matron at the Leeds General Infirmary and a period of seven years as Matron of Lincoln Hospital, her nursing career was spent at King's. She was appointed Sister-Matron there in 1906 and was therefore in charge when the hospital was moved to Denmark Hill.

During the War, when King's College Hospital became the 4th London General, she was appointed Principal Matron and was thus able to combine both offices and so to overlook the four wards left for civilian patients.

She resigned in 1918, but maintained her interest in the hospital for the rest of her life.

A service in the Chapel of King's College Hospital was held on Thursday, January 4th, which was attended by a large number of affectionate friends, and was followed by cremation at Golders Green.

LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Mr. John Edmonds, Hazelville, Old Church Road, Clevedon, left the bulk of his estate of £5,839 to his nurse and housekeeper, Dorothy Mabel Newton.

Mr. John Milward Wand of Halam, near Southwell, Notts, left £250 to Mary French, formerly one of the Southwell Town Nurses, "who also nursed my brother."

Miss Annie Jekyll, of Lincoln, left £20 to Nurse Marion Brigham.

Mrs. Ann Driver, of Tunbridge Wells, left £1,000 to Nurse Jeanie Fordyce.

Mr. Frederick H. Stevens, of Clifton, left £100 to Nurse Elizabeth R. Chandler "in recognition of her faithful care alike of my late wife and myself."

Judge Thomas Bateman Napier, of 12d, Hornton Street, Kensington, W., left £1,000 and an annuity of £200 to Mary Sophia Mills, nurse, and £200 to Miss Ross, "who has rendered nurse services to me."

THE PASSING OF THE FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

One of the principal reasons for which the Fever Nurses Association was formed in 1909 was the obtaining of recognition, under State Registration, of nurses with both general and fever training.

State Registration of Nurses has been an accomplished fact for the past fourteen years. A further important reason for which the Association was formed was the maintenance of a standard of training for fever nurses. This the Association carried out by means of its examinations in fever nursing.

As the General Nursing Council now conducts examinations for fever nurses, the Association has ceased to hold its examinations, and, as a consequence, one of the main sources of revenue has entirely stopped.

Various attempts have been made from time to time to keep up the interest of fever nurses in the Association, but the efforts did not meet with the success they deserved, and the new members were not joining in sufficient numbers to replace those who for various reasons retired.

As a result, a Committee of Nurses was elected at the annual general meeting, held in June last, "to consider the future of the Association and to report with recommendations" to the adjourned General Meeting, which was held on October 7th last.

The recommendation of the Committee's Report was to the effect that a new Association be formed, under the title of "The League of Fever Nurses," in view of coming into touch with the activities of the Nursing Profession.

The Report was adopted at the adjourned meeting with only one dissident.

At that adjourned meeting it was decided that the balance of the funds in hand, after defraying expenses, be handed over to the Hon. Treasurer of the new body when it was formed.

On the passing of the Fever Nurses' Association we would like to record the great debt of gratitude fever nurses owe to the founder, the late Dr. Biernacki, at that time Medical Superintendent of Plaistow Hospital, who had the welfare of fever nurses so much at heart, and who was succeeded by Dr. McIntyre, an understanding and firm supporter of the nurses' interests. The first Hon. Secretary, Miss L. A. Morgan (now Mrs. Macdonald), with characteristic altruism, rendered most valuable service to the Association, and Miss M. Drakard, from its inception always an exponent of the highest ethical standards, was elected first Nurse President.

Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., one of its earliest Council Members, has rendered onerous and signal service as the representative of Fever Nurses on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, so completely gaining their confidence that she was returned unopposed at each succeeding election.

The late Dr. Foord Caiger, who was Treasurer from the foundation of the Association until the time of his death, took the keenest interest in this organisation, and although many other distinguished doctors and nurses gave of their unstinted service to the cause, it is to the tireless and altruistic labours of the Pioneers that the Fever Nurses to-day owe their recognition on the State Register of Nurses.

WORDS FOR THE MONTH.

"Let it be said of our generation that we swept the slums away."—*The Prince of Wales.*

"If you have two loaves of bread, sell one and buy a lily."—*Chinese Proverb.*

"It is very good for strength to know that some one needs you to be strong."—*E. B. Browning.*

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