

Miss Gourley, 1st in Anatomy and Physiology.—Prize presented by Dr. Caldwell.

Mr. Fleming, of Abbey Close Church, then delivered his address, which was much enjoyed and appreciated and gave us much food for thought. Mr. Fleming spoke also of his pleasure in announcing that the Infirmary had that morning received one of the special medals to be worn in honour of Their Majesties' Silver Jubilee and which will be a very prized possession of the Matron.

THE NEW ZEALAND TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The *New Zealand Nursing Journal* gives the following interesting survey of the establishment and progress of the New Zealand Florence Nightingale Committee.

N.Z. NATIONAL FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE COMMITTEE.

The first meeting took place on 10th August, 1934.

Second meeting on 5th April, 1935. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence from the secretary of the International Council of Nurses and the Executive secretary of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Foundation were read together with news leaflets prepared by the Foundation.

This correspondence stressed the necessity that in addition to the guarantee of twenty students annually it was necessary to raise an endowment of £40,000 by the end of 1935, to enable the Foundation to carry on. The business of the meeting then considered the appeal issued to the two societies represented, for the funds towards a Scholarship for a New Zealand nurse to be sent in 1935 to take the International Post-Graduate Course at Bedford College.

The New Zealand Registered Nurses' Association has the following funds in hand:—£195 14s., and an assured £28 3s. to come, making £223 17s., the Red Cross Society has in hand £19 19s. (further efforts are being made). It was stated that provided the Health Department could select the candidate and employ her afterwards that there was a possibility of the department granting £100 towards the Scholarship Fund.

Dr. Young then moved, seconded by Miss McKenny, that in the event of the Hon. Minister of Health agreeing to subsidising the fund, the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee is agreeable to the terms suggested, further that the Committee would be prepared to instruct the secretary and treasurer to hand to the Health Department the funds collected for the purposes of the Scholarship to use for this purpose.

It was agreed that if a student is to be sent for the course in 1935 it will be necessary for her to be selected early in May, as she will require to leave New Zealand early in July.

Further consideration was given as to how further monies towards the International Fund might be raised. It was moved by Miss Tennant, seconded by Mrs. Andrews that the two societies combine in special efforts to raise money towards this fund by appealing to all branches to open special funds and also asking for the co-operation of the Press in this direction.

SOUTH AFRICAN TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

We have received the following letter from Mrs. Horwood, Organising Secretary of the South African Trained Nurses Association.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

Dear Madam,

The South African Trained Nurses' Association achieves its majority this year (founded in 1914). Throughout the whole of this period it has used the "South African Nursing

Record," under the editorship of Dr. J. Tremble, as its official organ.

Now, however, the Association has decided to edit and publish its own official journal under the title "South African Nursing Journal," which will be published in Cape Town. The first number of this Journal will appear in October, 1935.

I am instructed by the Editorial Committee to ask if you, with other Nursing organisations affiliated to the International Council of Nurses, will be kind enough to exchange copies of your Journal with ours, beginning forthwith.

All correspondence, journals, etc., should be addressed to.—The Editor, "South African Nursing Journal," P.O. Box 1601, Capetown, South Africa.

Yours faithfully,

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Reports of the meetings of other Nurses' Organisations are unavoidably held over, including that of the Association of Hospital Matrons held at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where there was a large muster of members to hear Dean Goodrich speak on Collegiate Nurse Training Schools, and afterwards to meet her and other International friends at tea in the Great Hall.

FAREWELL TO THE LITTLE BLACK BAG.

Well, little Black Bag, our three months' excursion into the Private Lives of the Cohens and the Kellys and the Joneses and the Smiths is over. You and the gray uniforms pass on to the next public health student and I must go back to the classrooms and pavilions of the West Penn Hospital.

I have grown to be very proud of you; you were always so dependable. As I learned the broad scope of your possibilities, I grew very proud of your simple relief offerings which are so highly respected wherever sickness attacks the home. The stress laid on your importance was surely evident that day when Johnny asked, "Say, Miss Nurse, do you have a baby sister in that bag for me?" and Estelle Marie added, "I'd rather have a white rabbit."

You acted as the passport that admitted us into the confidence of a bewildered family who scarcely knew what to do for the aged grandmother after she fractured her hip. It was so nice to be welcomed each day when we called to give her care. As you brought about our admission into the neat, freshly scrubbed house on the corner where the handmade lace curtains hung and where the father was convalescing from pneumonia; so, too, did we gain entrance into an unkept kitchen where those ever-present egg-smeared dishes and rusty implements were in the sink under the dripping spigot. And weren't we proud of the day we found Clara cleaning that kitchen, and when the baby won recognition at the well baby clinic!

I shall miss these visits with you as companion, but our past experience will be re-staged many times in my mind. And when I am back in the hospital, I shall understand the restless mother who has a careless Clara at home, and the one who insists upon going home to care for Johnny. You represent the key to this new insight and sometimes I wonder if, instead of carrying lanterns, perhaps the present-day philosophers should carry little black leather bags.

RHONWIN GRUBB,

From Public Health Nursing.

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