

Nursing, as she was then—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick as to-day we proudly know her.

"She it was who in the first instance brought to the notice of the Treasurer and Almoners the great encouragement which would result from the award of a Gold Medal to the most successful probationer of her final year of training. How this happy idea was carried, or by whom, to the Worshipful Company of Clothworkers and brought up at the Court of that Company, so far time has not revealed. We do know that their generous offer which has had such fruitful results, and which since then has been widely adopted by other Nurse Training Schools, has proved all, and more, than was hoped."

The "Little Red Book" contained many notes and records of *personal* matters. It appeared to me to be unfair to leave it for the perusal of my successor.

Anyway, with regret, I consigned it to the flames before leaving St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Now, in my old age, as a student of Nursing History, I realise it was a quixotic act to destroy so interesting a record.

Anyway, now you know how the Gold Medal came to be. Don't omit to thank Rahere. ETHEL G. FENWICK.

### THE PASSING BELL.

Miss Edith Pretty, R.R.C.

We greatly regret to record the death, at her home in Highgate, of Miss Edith Pretty, R.R.C., who trained in the 'eighties at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, where for some years she held the position of Sister Surgery. She was awarded the Royal Red Cross for her services in the war in South Africa, at a time when the award of this decoration was comparatively rare. Later she established a Nursing Home in Beaumont Street, W. She was an expert nurse and spared no pains to render efficient service to the surgeons who entrusted their patients to her care, and nursed them with skill and devotion, to the extent at times of overtaxing her strength. In addition she was a consistent supporter of the movement for the State Registration of Nurses both financially and by personal influence.

Miss Evelyn Creech, M.B.E., R.R.C.

There will be many who will hear with regret of the death of Miss Evelyn Creech, though, after her serious illness some 18 months ago, her friends were aware that her nursing work was at an end.

She trained at the Bristol General Hospital, but I knew her first in May, 1915, when she came as Sister to the King George Hospital, Stamford Street, S.E.1, and began her wonderful work of devotion to soldiers, and ex-service men which lasted till the autumn of 1933 when shortly after her appointment as Matron of the Star and Garter Hospital at Richmond, she was taken ill.

I write this appreciation of Evelyn Creech as she worked with me almost continuously from 1915 till 1930, first as Sister, for the last 11 years as Matron. The two outstanding features of her work as I look back on these years, were her selfless devotion to her patients, for whom she may truly be said to have lived, and her unswerving loyalty to those under and with whom she worked.

M. E. DAVIES.

### LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Mr. Joseph Shardlow, of Hove, left £3,000 to Miss Grace Edith Blott, of the Sussex Maternity and Women's Hospital.

Miss Mary Sophia Tillyer Blunt, of Hove, left £500, an annuity of £104, and such furniture as she may select to furnish a bed-sitting room, to Nurse Lucy Antrobus Wardlaw.

## THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The one hundred and seventieth meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 20, Portland Place, London, W.1, on September 27th. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

### Correspondence.

The following letter was reported from the Ministry of Health:—

Ministry of Health,  
Whitehall, S.W.1.  
August 2nd, 1935.

MADAM,

With reference to your letter of the 26th July (GED/CB), I am directed by the Minister of Health to inform you that he has approved the revised Syllabus of Subjects for Examination for the Certificate of Fever Nursing. A copy of the revised Syllabus was yesterday laid on the table of each House of Parliament in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 (4) of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919. A copy signed by the Minister is enclosed herewith for retention by you. It will be observed that "Revised 1933" has been substituted for "Approved 1933" on the cover, and that "Revised 1935" has been added.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,  
GEORGE NORTH.

The Registrar,  
General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sum of £300 for postage stamps, £25 for Insurance Stamps, and £10 for Petty Cash, were allowed.

It was agreed that the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet, as submitted, be adopted.

### Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on September 27th, 1935, were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 21; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 26; by reciprocity, 4. Total, 54.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee, it was agreed that 49 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

On the application for the establishment of reciprocal registration, from the Manitoba Association of Registered Nurses, the Registration Committee made the following recommendation:—

"That the General Nursing Council for England and Wales agrees to accept for Registration by Reciprocity—

(1) Nurses registered by the Manitoba Association of Registered Nurses after having completed a period of not less than three years' training in a General Hospital in Manitoba having a daily average of not less than 45 occupied beds;

(2) Nurses trained in England and Wales in a General Hospital approved by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and registered by the Manitoba Association of Registered Nurses;

on the understanding that Nurses registered by Examination or as "Intermediate" Nurses on the General Part of the Register of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, will be accepted for registration by the Manitoba Association of Registered Nurses, and, further, that applications from "Existing" Nurses will be considered on their respective merits; provided that—

(a) the general educational standard of the applicant can be evaluated as corresponding to the general educational standards required in Manitoba;

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