

It was agreed that as a result of the steps taken by the Association, the modification in the 1935 syllabus for Fever Nurses was very satisfactory.

Among other subjects discussed, the decision of the London County Council to employ Ward Orderlies was deplored, the general opinion being that rather than create a "hybrid" nurse, more registered nurses and more probationers should be employed.

Attention was drawn to the dearth of Sister Tutors holding the double certificate of General and Fever Nursing, and it was decided that this difficulty might be overcome if Matrons in Fever Hospitals encouraged Sisters to take the Sister Tutor's Diploma, by giving facilities for study.

At the close of the Meeting, the Chairman asked Miss A. S. Bryson to accept a beautiful morocco leather bag for papers and passports on behalf of the members of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association, as a mark of appreciation of her work and interest in the Association since its inception, as its Hon. Treasurer.

Miss Bryson warmly thanked the members for their great kindness and generosity, and expressed delight in accepting such a charming gift, which she would always value, and hoped that in the future this beautiful bag would carry many papers of good augury for the Association.

Miss Bryson felt that anything she had done had been a labour of love, but she was bound to say that the spirit of the members to co-operate for the common good was extremely keen, that she was only one among many who had done much to make the Association the great success it has proved to be—in this connection she alluded to the Chairman who had been in the "van" for the advancement of nursing ethics, a Founder Member of the first organisation for Fever Nurses in 1906, and now President of this Association.

The privilege given by the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING in publishing the reports of the meetings was of great value, keeping members unable to attend informed, and strengthening the cause.

In the face of these facts, she heartily thanked the members for their great generosity.

Then followed the welcome refreshment of tea served in the charming drawing-room, by the kind arrangement of Miss I. Macdonald.

THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

A general meeting at which the President, Miss Helen Dey, will preside, will be held in the Lecture Room, Nurses' Home, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on Saturday, December 7th, at 3 p.m.

One item on the Agenda is to decide whether or not there should be a short service in the Church before the General Meetings.

Dr. Porter Phillips (Physician-in-charge of the Psychological Department) will speak on "The Rôle of Psychology in Nursing."

At 4 p.m. the Meeting will resolve itself into a Social Gathering.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

By kind invitation of the President, Miss A. B. Baillie, members are invited to tea and the half yearly meeting of the League at St. Monica's Home, Westbury-on-Trym, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, November 16th, 1935. The same evening the annual dinner will be held at Fort's Restaurant, Clifton. Application for tickets (4s. each) should be made before November 11th. Will those who would like to stay the night, please notify the Hon. Secretary on or before this date?

THE SOUTH AFRICAN TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

We have received with much pleasure the October issue of the *South African Nursing Journal* (Vol. 1, No. 1), the Official Organ of the South African Trained Nurses Association, edited by Mrs. A. S. Davies, S.A. Registered Nurse, and cordially congratulate the Association on attaining its own voice in the Press, that essential of all self-governing associations.

After expressing the deeply grateful thanks of the Association to Dr. J. Tremble, the late Mr. C. J. Smith, and the Standard Printing Co., Ltd., East London, for giving space in their publication for so many years, the editor writes: "Now we have reached the stage when we must stand on our own feet. The possession of our own Journal has long been a secret wish of enthusiastic members of the Association." She reminds the members also, "Remember this is your very own publication and a considerable amount of 'team work' will be necessary to make it a real success."

This first number contains, as is fitting, expressions of good will from the President of the International Council of Nurses, Dame Alicia Lloyd Still; the Editor of the *South African Medical Journal*, Dr. Louis Leipoldt; the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and Founder of the International Council of Nurses; Miss Mary M. Roberts, Editor of *The American Journal of Nursing*, and others. A charming picture of Florence Nightingale from a drawing made by Lady Eastlake in 1846, the gift of the Nightingale Training School to the S.A.T.N.A. on their 21st birthday, is reproduced, and the Address to the Students of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation by Miss Annie W. Goodrich, A.M., Sc.D., R.N., on the occasion of the presentation of their certificates at Bedford College, on July 4th, is reprinted from THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

Very interesting, and offering many points for thought is the article, "Some Opportunities for Service and Research," the Address of the President (E. Eybers) to the Annual General Meeting of the South African National Council for Mutual Hygiene at Cape Town in September. It contains an earnest plea for consideration of mental deficiency "a problem of extreme urgency in our highly competitive modern life."

"So far," we read, "the feeble minded person has never, outside of an institution, been given a fair chance. At home he has been punished, scolded and called stupid because he was not as obedient as his brothers or as the neighbours' children. At school he has been stultified because he could not learn the only things the schools considered educational. Perhaps the best solution of his problem is to make him happy with a group of his fellows, see that he does not propagate, and waste no effort in trying to make him do what he has no capacity for doing."

"The National Council is being confronted with a great practical question which is of prime importance for the future of the race. Man has constructed a great social order. He has established great institutions and complicated relationships. Has he intelligence enough to keep them going? David Starr Jordan has well said 'In human life there is no substitute for intelligence.'"

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING wishes long life and prosperity for the *South African Nursing Journal*, the latest addition to the ranks of official organs of National Organisations of Nurses owned, edited and controlled by members of the Nursing Profession.

THE AMERICAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The American Nurses' Association has a higher membership to-day than it has ever had before. It is 113,295

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