

## THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The Hon. Treasurer begs to remind Nurses' Associations affiliated to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain that annual affiliation fees became due on October 1st, 1934. The *per capita* contribution towards the National Council subscription to the International Council of Nurses became due on January 1st, 1935. This contribution can be paid in one instalment, January to December, of 4d. per member, or in two instalments, January to June, and July to December, at the rate of 2d. per member.

The Hon. Treasurer will be glad to receive any subscriptions still due addressed to her at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

#### Nomination of Florence Nightingale Student.

The Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee will meet on Friday, March 22nd, at 3 p.m., to nominate a candidate for the Scholarship to be awarded by the National Council of Nurses. The hour has been selected to permit candidates to return to the country if necessary.

#### The Nightingale Fellowship.

In forwarding its annual subscription to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, the Nightingale Fellowship most kindly sent a very welcome gift of £5 towards expenses.

### THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The Annual Meeting of the Matrons' Council was held at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on Wednesday, February 27th, 1935. Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., presided, and there were 21 members present. The first business taken was the election of Hon. Officers. Miss Cochrane was unanimously re-elected President. Miss Allbutt, Miss Campbell and Miss Muriel, Vice-Presidents, to replace three retiring in rotation.

Miss Keys Wells, Matron, Croydon General Hospital, was elected Hon. Secretary. Miss Villiers was re-elected as Hon. Treasurer.

Applications for membership were received and accepted. The Hon. Secretary read the Report. Four members had resigned during the year, and three vacancies were caused by death.

The Council offered its congratulations to Miss Sanderson, O.B.E., Vice-President, whose name appeared in the New Year Honours list.

The Treasurer's Report was also read, which showed a small balance.

Miss Cochrane called the attention of the members to Thanksgiving Day, to be held on May 12th, and asked for small contributions from any who cared to participate in this tribute.

Miss Norah Farrant spoke on the importance of the Report just issued by the Joint Council of Midwifery, and urged members of the Matrons' Council to obtain and study this Report.

The meeting was very harmonious and enjoyable—tea being served before the meeting.

### INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association was held on Saturday, February 2nd, at Harts Sanatorium, Woodford, at 3 p.m.

The Members were received by the Matron, Miss G. Sharpe, in the beautiful entrance hall, and there was a large attendance.

Miss M. Drakard, the President, was in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes it was proposed and carried to recommend that a Vice-President be elected at the Annual Meeting to be held in June.

A large amount of correspondence was dealt with, and a further discussion took place concerning the increasing tendency to remove the engaging of the Nursing Staff out of the Matron's hands, and it was agreed to communicate with the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, to which the Association is affiliated, for an expression of opinion.

#### Tuberculosis a Subject for Examination.

A further matter on which a very interesting discussion arose was that the General Nursing Council for England and Wales have notified the Fever Hospitals that Tuberculosis will be included in the next Examination in May, 1935. It was agreed to enquire into the opinions of other Members of the Association what would be the best means of tuition in those Hospitals that have no accommodation for Tuberculosis patients.

#### Florence Nightingale Scholarships Fund.

The President, Miss Drakard, read a letter which had been received from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, enclosing a short Report of the Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee, she mentioned that this Report stated that a Scholarship of £250 had been awarded to an English student at Bedford College for the Course 1934-1935, and also that one would be awarded for 1935-1936. That the Advisory Committee had agreed (1) "That a scheme should be organised to interest the members of the Nursing Profession in the great work of Florence Nightingale in defining basic laws on which modern nursing education is founded."

(2) "That a Day of Thanksgiving should be instituted on May 12th to honour her birthday, when members of the Nursing Profession could unite in forms of ceremony, and each one be invited to subscribe a small sum in support of the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Fund of the National Council of Nurses, which would be presented annually through the National Memorial Committee of Great Britain to the Foundation.

These proposals were followed with keen interest by all present, and it was agreed that:

(1) A sum be subscribed from the general fund of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association.

(2) As to the best form to be employed by which nurses in the various hospitals and institutions concerned might participate in helping with subscriptions to finance the Scholarships Fund of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, it was unanimously agreed that this should be referred to the next meeting of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association.

Miss J. L. Edgar, Matron of the Darwell Hall Sanatorium, Robertsbridge, Hastings, had invited the Association to meet at that Hospital for the Annual Meeting on June 1st, and the invitation was gratefully accepted.

A warm vote of thanks to the Committee of Management was carried unanimously for the privilege of meeting at the Harts Sanatorium, which was much appreciated.

After the Meeting, Dr. J. C. Crawford, Acting Medical Superintendent, in the absence of Dr. Cheater, and Miss Sharpe very kindly conducted the visitors round the wards after which delicious refreshments were served in the Nurses' Dining Room, a most tastefully equipped apartment, which was gay with daffodils.

Then followed a tour of the Hospital and grounds.

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