

Miss MacManus reported that the Cosmo Bonsor Memorial Scholarship Fund was slowly increasing. To date, over £900 had been received. As the fund had reached almost one-half of the figure the League hoped to realise, it was decided to award the first interim scholarship of £30 this year, so that the actual figure in hand at the moment was £905 9s. 4d. The first holder of the scholarship was Miss Gladys Kathleen Bush, who trained at Guy's Hospital from 1923-1926, and who was now a professed Sister in the nursing community of Christ the Consoler. She intended to take a course of study in psychological nursing.

The balance sheet for the year was presented by Mrs. Ogilvie. The Business Meeting then concluded, and the members gathered into small groups for coffee and conversation.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING.

The first group of Industrial Nurses who took the Industrial Nursing Course, arranged by the College of Nursing and Bedford College for Women, are raising a fund for the endowment of an Industrial Nursing Scholarship, to be offered for the next Course, which commences in October next. To raise money for this purpose a Sale is being held at the College of Nursing, Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, W.1, each day for a fortnight, commencing June 8th, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Gifts for the Sale and purchasers will be welcomed.

Two Courses are arranged:

Course A.—A whole-time Course intended for general trained nurses with a good education who wish to enter the field of industrial nursing. The training comprises both theoretical and practical work and extends over an academic year covering a period of not less than nine calendar months.

Course B.—A part-time Course intended for women already employed in a nursing capacity in industry. The lectures will be held on one or two evenings a week over a period of six months.

A Syllabus of Course A and detailed information as to Course B may be obtained from Miss Irene H. Charley, the College of Nursing, 1A, Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.1.

LEAGUE OF SISTER TUTORS.

As a result of the meeting held on March 28th, 1936, protests against the General Nursing Council Regulations concerning Lecturers and Examiners for the State Examinations, were sent to His Majesty's Privy Council, The Board of Education, The Ministry of Health, and all the Matrons' Associations, from whom replies of acknowledgment have been received.

A letter was also sent to the General Nursing Council asking if they would receive a deputation from the League. This they consented to do.

On May 6th, Miss Nelson, Miss Lotherington and Miss Challenger were received by the Education Committee of the General Nursing Council. Dame Alicia Lloyd Still was in the chair, and asked Miss Nelson to speak. Miss Lotherington spoke on behalf of the small hospitals, and Miss Challenger for the Trained Sister Tutor.

The deputation was informed that the regulations were only *recommendations* and not *rules*, and were only intended to be brought into force where possible.

Dame Alicia Lloyd Still thanked the deputation for stating their case so clearly, and assured them that the General Nursing Council had the best interests of the Nursing Profession at heart.

C. E. NELSON.
C. LOTHERINGTON.
M. D. CHALLENGER.

MISS J. C. COWIE AT HOME.

In anticipation of the end of her term as a Councillor of the British College of Nurses, Miss J. C. Cowie was At Home to members in Scotland and friends on Saturday, May 2nd, in the Scottish Nurses' Club, Bath Street, Glasgow, the entertainment being progressive whist.

After tea and the distribution of prizes, an interesting and lively discussion took place on nursing affairs. Miss Cowie, in a few initiatory remarks, said it was worth paying a guinea a year for the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* alone. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's vision and imagination had inspired and guided a generation of nurses, and at this moment she has still the eagle eye for all that affects our profession. Unhappily, we had lost a strong friend by the death of Sir Richard Barnett, but Captain A. S. Cunningham Reid, a young M.P. well versed in nursing affairs, was ready to defend the nurses' interests in Parliament. Her own understanding of the principles of the British College of Nurses could not be better expressed than by borrowing the words of Abraham Lincoln, "The government of nurses, by nurses, for nurses." Here, in Scotland, they had had a Departmental Committee deciding on nursing matters, and on that Committee there were only two nurses, one of whom had recorded her dissent from some of its findings.

Miss Brodie agreed as to the composition of the Committee, but thought the proposals would in time effect a great improvement. Hospitals would have to employ more fully trained nurses, to permit the intensive training of the student nurse. This would be partly compensated for by that student having had a preliminary course of anatomy and physiology, and by the non-payment of salary.

Miss Henderson considered that maternity nursing should be a compulsory part of training. She was not a nurse who could not help another woman in her extremity.

Miss Murray recognised the value of registration, but did not regret that she had trained in harder days. Lectures were few and scanty, but the keen nurse dug out knowledge for herself. Difficulties strengthened the character, giving courage and self-reliance. Psychology, she thought, was unconsciously used by a good nurse, who studied and sympathised with her patient. Many old time nurses had been able to support and comfort a dying patient and knew no greater privilege.

In replying to a vote of thanks, Miss Cowie said gratitude was due not to but from her for the pleasure and inspiration she had derived from attending the meetings of the British College of Nurses.

CROYDON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Sports Club.

The following paragraph has been sent to us for publication by Miss Elizabeth Jenkin, Hon. Secretary of the Croydon General Hospital Sports Club:—

"The 1936 season was opened with an enthusiastic Annual General meeting, at which many new members were welcomed.

"The Treasurer's report showed a very satisfactory financial position. The usual business was discussed, and officers elected for the coming season.

"Great keenness was shown in regard to the proposed Tournaments to be held this summer, in Tennis and in Swimming—a singles tournament for Matron's cup, a 'ladder' competition for Sir Herbert Brown's cup, and a swimming contest for Miss E. Keys Wells' medal.

"A suggestion put forward by a member that a branch of the 'League of Health and Beauty' should be established met with great approval.

Judging from the success of this first meeting the forthcoming Season should be a most active one, and we look forward to a very interesting and busy summer."

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