

THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING.

We are informed by Miss Frances G. Goodall, Secretary of the College of Nursing, that she has received a communication from the Clerk of the London County Council, stating that Henrietta Street will be renamed Lister Street from the 1st July, 1937. These changes are tiresome, but it is certainly appropriate that we should have a street in the metropolis named after the great Lord Lister, and fitting that the Royal Society of Medicine and the College of Nursing should be situated in it.

THE LEAGUE OF SISTER TUTORS.

The Annual Meeting of the League will be held on Saturday, January 30th, 1937, at the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, Kensington, at 3.30 p.m.

A social hour will be followed by a lantern lecture on History of Nursing, at which Miss I. Macdonald has kindly promised to preside.

Please come and bring your friends.

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THE NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF CHINA.

The 1936 Biennial Conference of the Nurses' Association of China, held at Nanking from October 1st to 7th, will go down in history as the best attended and most momentous one held for years. It is just ten years ago since the Nurses' Association last held a Conference in Nanking, and amazing changes have taken place in the meantime.

The old city of narrow streets has gone, and in its place is a modern city with many beautiful buildings, modern conveyances and all modern conveniences. Excellent work is being done in the well-equipped Ministry of Health, the Central Hospital and its various schools, School of Nursing, School of Midwifery, School of Pharmacy, Courses for Sanitary Engineers, Courses in Public Health and Nursing Education for graduate nurses, and several others are being given.

Ten years ago, it was mostly Church and Mission authorities who received and welcomed us; this year a whole array of prominent Government officials welcomed us and extended every possible courtesy and facility during the week.

One reason for the large attendance was the interest excited by the Government requirement for the registration of schools of nursing.

Two years ago, the President, Mrs. Victoria Pon Yen, announced the decision of the Government to register schools of nursing under the Ministry of Education, and great was the excitement caused by the reading of the required curriculum. During these two years, the Ministry of Education has continued to plan for registration and appointed a Central Board of Nursing Education with a nurse secretary to assist.

In April, 1936, a questionnaire was sent out to all schools and 61 replies were received. The curriculum was modified on the lines of the suggestions sent in, and at this October Conference was again presented to us. The Conference went over it item by item and approved it.

Some of the official speeches reminded us that China's city and rural problems were so enormous that their nurses needed a wider training with special emphasis on sociology and home economics. They have a most heroic programme of State medicine reaching out to all the far confines of the land. It calls for thousands of physically strong, well educated, well trained women to take charge of the numberless health clinics, stations and hospitals that they want

the country to have. Their programme includes a doctor and a nurse for every community of 50,000, and a health station for every village of 100 families. In a population of 450 millions this is a breath-taking programme.

"Schools must be schools," they said, and have a separate existence from the hospital. A Nursing School must have a definite budget, its own Board of Directors apart from the Hospital Board, and its own staff and administration. No school may accept students of standard less than three years of High School education, and no new students are to be accepted under present conditions unless a school is registered under the Government.

The N.A.C. will continue examinations this year, but the Ministry of Education will give the examinations in 1937, through its department which deals with vocational schools. A selective examination will be given to the students now in residence, for three years, but after that, in 1940, all schools must either register or close.

The last night of the Conference found us at a farewell banquet, where our President, Mrs. Victoria Pon Yen, presided for the last time. All through the week she had delighted everyone with her ability, dignity and charm. Our new President is Miss Evelyn Lin, and Mr. James Liu is still a Vice-President.

The great majority of Schools of Nursing do not make any allowance to the students and nearly all charge tuition fees. G. S.

IMPRESSIONS OF A YEAR AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT.

In 1935-1936 Miss K. M. Whitsed, a Sister at the Leicester Royal Infirmary, was the fortunate Florence Nightingale student selected by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain for its Annual Scholarship of £250. She received the Florence Nightingale Certificate at Bedford College on June 26th, 1936. As this valuable Scholarship for 1937-1938 will be awarded in the Spring, it may interest those candidates who may make application for it to read the following short report from Miss Whitsed which appears in the Journal of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League, issued December, 1936, who will thus realise how valuable the N.C.N. Scholarship is.

IMPRESSIONS OF A YEAR AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT.

First of all, arrival at 15, Manchester Square, "Florence Nightingale International House," a beautiful old Adam's house, a warm welcome from the warden, Miss Dorsey, who was soon to be appreciated as one of our best friends.

Then the meeting with the other Internationals who had arrived from all over the world. Filipino, India, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and America, Finland and Sweden, Lithuania, Switzerland and Bulgaria. What difficult names they seemed to have then—soon becoming so familiar.

Next day began visits to various London Hospitals, lasting for seven weeks.

We went in twos or threes and lived in wherever it was possible, changing hospitals every two or three weeks and returning to International House for each week-end. In the middle of October Bedford College opened and lectures began. Subjects taken were:—

- Principles of Hospital and Training School Administration.
- Hygiene and Preventive Medicine.
- General and Applied Psychology.
- Social Conditions and Social Administration.
- Principles of Education and Methods of Teaching.
- Eugenics.

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