

THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

LEAGUE OF SISTER TUTORS.

We are asked to notify that the Annual General Meeting of the League of Sister Tutors will be held on Saturday, October 2nd, at the house of the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, Kensington, London, S.W.7. Tea will be served at 3.30 p.m. and members are requested to notify Miss H. Ballard, S.R.N., St. Leonard's Hospital, Shoreditch, N.1, whether they will be able to attend.

INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting of the Infectious Hospitals' Matrons' Association was held at the Isolation Hospital, Great Yarmouth, by the kind invitation of the Hospital Committee, on Saturday, September 4th, at 2.30 p.m.

The members, on arrival, were cordially welcomed by the Matron, Miss Nellie Dunkley, who had most kindly arranged for the delicious lunch which awaited those who came from a long distance.

After a tour of the Hospital, a very successful meeting was held, when Miss H. McLoughlin, President, was in the Chair.

In the course of dealing with a large amount of business, new members were welcomed and applicants for membership were elected.

During a discussion on the increasing difficulty now experienced in obtaining suitable probationers, it was pointed out how seriously this shortage of suitable nurses affected this branch of training, as Matrons of Fever Hospitals are asked to encourage their nurses on leaving to qualify for the General State Certificate, with a view to entering for District Nursing, as it is found that experience in Infectious Diseases Nursing is an invaluable asset to Queen's Nurses, and it was agreed that any suggestions which might help to solve this vital problem, would be welcome.

It was decided to consider at a future meeting the holding of the annual dinner in the spring of 1938.

The President in welcoming the Secretary, Miss B. West, back after her serious illness, expressed pleasure that she was restored to health; she felt sure that all the members of the Association were only too pleased to take this opportunity of presenting her with a small electric clock in recognition of her valuable and untiring services as Secretary of the Association. Miss West, in expressing warm thanks, kindly consented to continue in the work,

and wished to convey her thanks for the beautiful flowers and sympathy sent to her during her illness. At the conclusion of the meeting a vote of thanks to the Committee of the Isolation Hospital, Great Yarmouth, was unanimously passed, for the privilege of meeting there.

After a more than generous tea, served in the Matron's sitting room, the members were delightfully surprised to find on their departure that motor cars, provided and driven by Miss Dunkley and her friends, were waiting to convey everyone for a tour of Yarmouth, so enjoyable on that perfect September evening; very warm appreciation was expressed for such generous hospitality.

MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The well-attended 58th Quarterly Meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association was held on Saturday, September 4th, at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W., at 2.30 p.m., preceded at 2 p.m. by a meeting of the executive committee.

At this meeting the following new member was elected:— Miss M. I. Gallon, S.R.N., R.M.N., S.C.M., Matron, Wilts County Mental Hospital, Devizes.

On the retirement in rotation from the executive committee of Miss B. Pirie, Matron of St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, Mrs. M. C. Lediard, D.N., Matron of Middlesex Colony, Shenley, Herts, was elected to serve.

THE AMERICAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

We have pleasure in presenting to our readers a portrait of Miss Susan C. Francis, R.N., Superintendent of the Children's Hospital, Philadelphia, U.S.A., and President of the American Nurses' Association, which has a membership of over 120,000 registered nurses. Miss Francis is a well-known figure in the international nursing world from her frequent presence at the

Congresses of the International Council of Nurses and in July, as President of the American Nurses' Association, she led its large delegation to the I.C.N. Congress in London.

Presiding in June of last year, at the Joint Opening Session of the Convention of the American Nurses' Association, the National League of Nursing Education, and the National Organisation for Public Health Nursing at Los Angeles Miss Francis made a fine speech on "Nursing as a Part of to-morrow's Community Health Service."



MISS SUSAN C. FRANCIS, R.N.
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