

THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

KENT COUNTY MENTAL HOSPITAL, MAIDSTONE, NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Annual Reunion and Presentation of Hospital Certificates and Nursing Badges took place on Saturday, June 25th, 1938, at the Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone.

The Certificates were presented by J. H. Bennett, Esq. Chairman of the Hospital Committee, and the badges by Mrs. Pearce Clark, member of the Hospital Committee.

The following nurses received Certificates:—Nurses E. Smith, E. Hill, M. Fitzsimons, S. Wilkins, E. Lucas, G. Phillips, M. Dolan, H. King, A. Jones, A. Dunbar, M. A. Reynolds, E. Backhouse, J. Howard, M. R. Devany, B. Carty, M. Coffey, M. Tierney, M. Hanley, H. Ruane, E. Knox, B. Finnegan, and Male Nurse Okill.

Mrs. Pearce Clark and Miss E. L. Macaulay, Matron, were presented with bouquets on behalf of the Nursing Staff by Nurses E. Smith and E. Hill respectively.

Dr. Allen Hancock, M.C., Medical Superintendent, had a surprise in the form of a beautiful silver Tennis Challenge Cup, to be competed for annually by the members of the Nursing Staff; a gift from the husband of a former patient as a mark of his appreciation of the nursing care his wife had received and his gratitude for her recovery.

Votes of thanks were given to Mr. J. H. Bennett for presenting the Certificates, Mrs. Pearce Clark for presenting the Badges, and to Dr. Allen Hancock, who kindly took the chair on this occasion.

Afterwards tea was served in the nurses' lounge, and in the evening a dance was arranged from 8 until 12 midnight.

THE MEDFORTH LAWN TENNIS CHALLENGE CUP.

This Cup, with replica, presented by Miss Medforth, C.B.E., R.R.C., late Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S., is played for annually by members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, and there is in addition a Cup for the runner-up presented by the present Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S.

The Medforth Lawn Tennis Competition was held at Woolwich on 6th July.

Miss Watkins (Matron) and the Sisters Q.A.I.M.N.S. of the Royal Herbert Hospital were "At Home," and the matches were played on their court. Play began at 2 p.m., and in spite of somewhat threatening weather, the preliminary heats were completed with only one halt for rain. The results of the heats left the Misses Steele, Merriman, Long and Pratt in the semi-finals.

Miss Steele and Miss Merriman had a good game, and if the former had not been obviously suffering from her arm, the result would have been closer. Miss Long had an easier journey to the final round.

The final round was really great, the score speaks for itself, 6-3, 6-8, 8-6, Miss Long being the winner.

There was little to choose between the two players, the rallies were long and very even, a trifle more severity in Miss Merriman's strokes was just more than balanced by Miss Long's more accurate placing.

Following the final, our Director-General, General MacArthur, in an apt little speech, congratulated the competitors and asked Miss Medforth (the donor of the cup) to present cup and prizes.

We were pleased to see General and Mrs. MacArthur, General and Mrs. Scott, General and Mrs. FitzGerald, Colonel and Mrs. Hill, Miss Roy, Miss Hodgins, Miss Medforth, Miss K. H. Jones, Mrs. Knox, and other guests.

It was an enjoyable day, lucky weather, good tennis, and the whole competition admirably arranged by our kind hostesses.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W.1, on July 22nd. Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

Business arising out of the Minutes.

It was reported that Miss Anstruther Sinclair was fined £5 for falsely representing herself to be a State Registered Nurse. She did not appear in Court, but wrote apologising for the offence and promising not to do it again. The Chairman considered she had been very leniently dealt with, as she had been prosecuted before, and had served two months' imprisonment.

The Chairman reported that the Minister of Health had sanctioned the appointment of additional staff for the work in connection with the Test Educational Examination.

The Chairman reported that she had attended a meeting of the Women's Voluntary Services as the representative of the General Nursing Council, but had found that the work of the Committee was not in any way connected with State Registered Nurses, but was more particularly concerned with cooks, ward maids, etc. She proposed that the representation of the General Nursing Council be withdrawn, which was agreed.

Correspondence.

The Chairman reported the receipt of the following Resolution from the Matrons' Council of Great Britain:—

"That the Matrons' Council of Great Britain desires to place on record its strong disapproval of the action taken at a meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales by which a resolution was passed to split the Preliminary Examination of Nurses."

It was agreed that its receipt be noted.

Miss Helen Dey asked if the knowledge were available of how many members there were in the Matrons' Council. The Chairman replied that it was not.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £250 for postage stamps, £500 for postage for retention fee policies and receipts, £70 for insurance stamps, and £20 for petty cash were allowed.

It was reported that in accordance with authority granted by Council on June 25th, 1937, £4,500 5 per cent. conversion loan stock had been sold at 113 $\frac{1}{8}$ per cent.

Registration.

It was reported that a copy of the Register of Nurses had been received from the General Nursing Council for Ireland and the Nurses' Board of South Australia.

It was reported that reciprocity had now been agreed with the Department of Health, Ontario.

Applications for approval for registration on July 22nd were: General Register, by reciprocity, 27; Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 1; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 13, by reciprocity, 5; total, 47.

It was agreed that 26 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee and now wished their names re-included in the Register should be re-included.

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that:—

The provisional approval of Wembley Hospital, Wembley, Middlesex, be extended for a further year;

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