

by a special Committee. The following resolution was ultimately adopted:—

"That the Constitution of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain shall not be amended in Sections, but a Special Sub-Committee, consisting of not more than nine members and the Hon. Officers, shall be appointed to consider the Constitution as a whole and make recommendations to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be specially summoned at an early date."

It was agreed that it be reported to the Grand Council that the Executive Committee recommended that a Special Sub-Committee be formed to deal with the matter.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Chairman, which was carried with acclamation.

The meeting then terminated.

Tea was served by the invitation of the President.

THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

LEAGUE OF MENTAL HOSPITAL NURSES.

The annual meeting of the above League was held at Middlesex Colony, Shenley, Herts, on Saturday, October 22nd, and members from various parts of England were present. The chairman and medical superintendent received the members and wished them a successful meeting. Various new members were elected to the Committee, and it was approved that Mrs. Lediard, S.R.N., R.M.N., D.N. Lon., M.B.C.N., should be supported as candidate for directorship in the coming election of the National Council. It is hoped that all mental nurses will support this nomination in November.

Mrs. Lediard, Chairman of the League, has been mental nursing for 27 years in various capacities, from nurse to sister-tutor and matron, and was delighted to entertain the members at the Colony. She expressed the wish that all Mental Nurses should join the League and thus support the success of their own profession. The annual subscription is 2s. 6d., and may be sent to the Secretary, Miss Waters, The Warneford, Oxford.

The Guides at the Colony entertained the members during tea in a display of country dancing, and a number of patients gave a gymnastic exhibition. A tour of the villas, children's new blocks, staff clubroom, swimming pool and Nurses' Home followed the meeting and was both entertaining and instructive.

CROYDON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

On October 19th, a large and happy gathering of Past and Present Croydon General Hospital Nurses, together with members of the Board of Management and Honorary Staff, was held in the Nurses Home.

Many reminiscences were exchanged over tea, and a pleasant afternoon ended with a short St. Luke's Day Service conducted by the Bishop of Croydon.

Later in the evening a dance, arranged by the Sports Committee, was enjoyed by all.

THE UNITED NURSING SERVICES CLUB, LTD.

The meeting of the Shareholders of the United Nursing Services Club, Ltd., 34, Cavendish Square, London, W.1. will be held on Tuesday, November 15th, 1938, at 2.45 p.m., to be followed by a general meeting of the members at 3 p.m.

This annual meeting of Shareholders is always a most inspiring and friendly one, the atmosphere conducive to good fellowship, the drawing-room fragrant with flowers, and the tea served subsequently, under the expert direction of the genial Secretary, Miss M. F. Steele, by her willing band of helpers, of the very best.

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., on October 28th, the Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £11,000 for Examiners' Claims, £1,000 for accommodation for examinations, £250 for Postage Stamps, £50 for Insurance Stamps, and £20 for Petty Cash were allowed.

Registration.

It was reported that a copy of the Register of Nurses had been received from the Nurses' Board of Victoria.

Applications for approval for registration on October 28th, were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 28; Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; for Fever Nurses by Examination, 12, by reciprocity, 4. Total 46.

It was agreed that 69 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 Leicester Royal Infirmary be now approved as a complete training school for Male Nurses:

The Wilson Hospital, Mitcham, be now approved as a complete training school for nurses;

The Schemes of affiliation between Liverpool Women's Hospital and St. Helen's Hospital, Warrington Infirmary, Southport General Infirmary, Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, and Birkenhead General Hospital, be now fully approved;

The provisional approval of the Princess Beatrice Hospital, London, as a complete training school for nurses be extended for a further year;

The provisional approval of the Dartford Joint Isolation Hospital, as a complete training school for Fever Nurses be extended for a further year;

The provisional approval of the Infants' Hospital, London, as a complete training school for Sick Children's Nurses, be extended for a further year;

The provisional approval of the scheme of affiliation between the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry, and the Leicester Royal Infirmary, be extended for a further year;

The provisional approval of the scheme of affiliation between the Victoria Hospital, Deal, and the Royal Northern Hospital, London, be extended for a further year;

The provisional approval of the scheme of affiliation between the Caerphilly Isolation Hospital and the Cardiff City Isolation Hospital be extended for a further year.

It was agreed that the Council do have power at their absolute discretion to refuse to admit any person as a candidate for the Test Examination, without being under any obligation to state their reason for so doing.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

It was reported that the Council's Solicitor was instructed to take the necessary action under Section 8 (1) of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, against Aileen Sinclair who had falsely represented herself to be a registered nurse. Aileen Sinclair appeared at Crewe Police Court on October 5th, 1938, and was fined £25 or three months' imprisonment.

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