

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain will be held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on May 4th, at 2.30 p.m., at which matters of importance will be considered. At the termination of the meeting a Special Meeting of the Committee will be held to consider the Resolution, proposed by Miss I. Macdonald, and seconded by Miss A. Stewart Bryson, sent up for consideration from the Grand Council at the Annual Meeting in November. It is to be regretted that owing to the very serious taxi-cab accident sustained by Miss Macdonald she has not been permitted by her Medical Adviser to present the Resolution at an earlier date.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

In reply to a letter addressed by Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, inviting the opinion of the members of the Executive Committee concerning the presentation by the National Council of Nurses of a Florence Nightingale Scholarship for 1938-39, the following donations have been received to date—and several affiliated Associations have promised to contribute. Others have notified that they are unable to do so this year.

As the Fund stands we have the sum of £91 1s. 9d. saved from 1937—so that £158 18s. 3d. must be collected for a scholarship of £250. The following donations have been received towards that sum in response to the Hon. Treasurer's letter:—

	£	s.	d.
Scottish Matrons' Association	5	0	0
The College of Nursing	10	0	0
The County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association	5	5	0
The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses	20	0	0
The Scottish Nurses' Association	10	10	0
	£50	15	0

THE ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL MATRONS.

At a recent meeting of the Association of Hospital Matrons held in the Cowdray Hall, the election of a new President took place upon the retirement of Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, D.B.E., R.R.C.

Miss Helen Dey, O.B.E., R.R.C., Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and Miss E. E. P. MacManus, Matron of Guy's Hospital, London, were the nominated candidates.

There was a large attendance of members and Miss H. Dey was elected.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The Annual Meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain was held at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on Saturday, April 9th; we hope to report the business transacted in our next issue. The President, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., was in the chair.

THE HEALTH SERVICES FEDERATION OF GREAT BRITAIN.

"The Health Services Federation of Great Britain" has been formed, composed of:

- The Mental Hospital and Institutional Workers' Union.
- The Women Public Health Officers' Association.
- The National Union of County Officers.
- The Guild of Nurses.

The Inaugural Meeting, which was crowded, was held at the St. Pancras Town Hall, on Thursday, April 7th, at 8 p.m. Mr. George Gibson was in the chair, and the speakers included the Rt. Honble. Arthur Greenwood M.P.

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 March 25th. 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 £140 for postage stamps, £25 for insurance stamps, and £15 for petty cash were allowed.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration on March 25th, were: General Register, by reciprocity, 11; supplementary part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses, by reciprocity, 2; and for Fever Nurses, by examination, 13, by reciprocity, 4; total 30.

It was agreed that 103 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 schemes of affiliation between South London Hospital for Women, in affiliation with Chelmsford and Essex Hospital; Northwood, Pinner and District Hospital, in affiliation with Guy's Hospital, London; and Saffron Walden General Hospital, in affiliation with Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, be now fully approved;

The provisional approval of Grantham Hospital, Bromley and District Hospital, Portsmouth Infectious Diseases Hospital, Thurrock Isolation Hospital, Grays, and Southampton Children's Hospital, be extended for a further year;

The provisional approval of the following schemes of affiliation be extended for a further year:—

Central London Ophthalmic Hospital in affiliation with Middlesex Hospital, London; Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Maida Vale, in affiliation with Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford; Waterloo and District General Hospital, Liverpool, in affiliation with Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester, and Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, London; Richard Murray Hospital, Blackhill, in affiliation with Bradford Royal Infirmary; The scheme of affiliation between the County Institution, Mansfield, and the City General Hospital, Sheffield, be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto under the scheme, and that the name of the County Institution, Mansfield, be removed from the list of approved training schools; The scheme of association between the Frome Road Hospital, Bath, and the Southmead Hospital, Bristol, be cancelled, but without prejudice to the position and rights of nurses already admitted thereto under the scheme, and that the name of the Frome Road Hospital, Bath, be deleted from the list of approved training schools.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

It was reported that the Council's solicitor had been instructed to take the necessary action under Section 8 (1) of the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, against a nurse who has falsely represented herself to be a registered nurse. This action was approved by the Council.

It was reported that a letter had been received from a nurse whose name was removed from the Register by Order of Council asking what period must elapse before she could make application for the restoration of her name to the Register. She was informed that no application for

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