

Companions	...	...	...	...	...	77
Unclassified	...	...	...	...	...	984
In Active work	...	...	...	...	...	61,378
Not in Active work	...	...	...	...	...	15,135
Questionnaires returned not filled in	...	...	...	...	...	2,414
						78,927
Questionnaires not returned	...	...	...	...	...	2,826
						81,753
Total	...	...	...	...	...	81,753

## GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

A Meeting was held at 5, Darnaway Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, March 24th, 1939.

The Chairman, Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., presided.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Miss Clark and Miss Stewart.

### Education, Examination and Registration.

#### Results of February Examinations.

Preliminary Examination—		Entered.	Passed.
Anatomy and Physiology	...	433	344
Hygiene	...	366	325
Nursing	...	300	271
Final Examination—			
General	...	262	233
Fever	...	47	46
Sick Children	...	18	17
Male Nurse	...	1	1

Reported that seven nurses who had passed the Council's Final Examination and had now attained the age of 21, had been registered since last meeting.

Reported three applications for registration by reciprocity; 30 applications for reinclusion in the Register after failure to pay the Retention Fee. All these applications were approved.

### Recognition of Hospital.

Approval was given to a Scheme of Affiliation between the Clackmannan County Hospital, Alloa, and the Stirling Royal Infirmary.

### Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee various accounts and claims for payment, including those incurred at the February examinations, were passed for payment.

### Date of Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of Council should be held on Friday, April 28th, 1939.

## AMBULANCE SERVICES IN WAR TIME.

The Minister of Health has issued a further circular, No. 1787, dealing with Ambulance Services in war time. Most local authorities have appointed an ambulance officer, who will be immediately responsible under the Medical Officer of Health for the organisation, training and war-time control of the ambulance service. The circular, which can be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office or through any bookseller, price 2d., describes the functions of an ambulance officer, and deals with such matters as the earmarking of vehicles to be adapted as ambulances in an emergency, the training of volunteer drivers, the arrangements necessary to put the service on a war-time basis immediately at the onset of an emergency, and the plans to be made for operating it when air raids occur.

## THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

### THE NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

#### The Coming Retirement of Miss H. Y. Richardson.

The coming retirement of Miss H. Y. Richardson (Secretary of the Nurses' Missionary League), after 32 years' continuous service, will be deeply regretted not only by the members of the League who hold her in affection and respect, but by a large circle of friends who recognise the valuable work she has achieved for the League by her unceasing devotion to its interests.

*Nurses Near and Far* for April is mainly filled with appreciations of Miss Richardson, the first being contributed by the President of the League, the Bishop of Blackburn, who, in a warm tribute, says:—

"It was no small adventure to attempt to bind hundreds of nurses of all denominations into one fellowship of prayer and missionary service; the dangers of vague idealism or empty emotionalism were obvious; by the nature of the case most members could never hope to meet one another, and indeed for most of their time were scattered over all parts of the world. How then could there be any degree of union, any corporate life in the League, and how could its members profit by their membership? These inherent problems were what Miss Richardson set herself to solve, and that they have been solved to a remarkable degree is due to her gifts of organisation and character. By her own enthusiasm she has made all with whom she came in contact feel that the League was worth while. By her guidance of the League's policy she has secured that the interests of the individual were never sacrificed to the welfare of the organisation. The annual camp, the messages of *Nurses Near and Far*, meetings in London and elsewhere, and above all the knowledge that she was always 'at home' to any member, have spread her personal influence and have made the League a society of friends. Nor could anyone doubt for a moment what was the inspiration of all her work. A deep personal religion focussed in prayer and issuing in Christian character has become the mainspring of the League because it was so really the mainspring of its Secretary's life."

Not the least valuable part of the work of the League is that "it exalts the spirit of service above the spirit of self, it cares for the organisation only so far as that ensures the greatest possible help to the members."

"Tributes to Miss Richardson in the written or spoken word are easy, but the truest and best tribute will lie in the efforts of all concerned, committee and members alike, to see to it that the League maintains those principles and that character which she has impressed upon it through all these years, and for which we feel such gratitude and admiration."

### ASSOCIATION OF SICK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The First Annual General Meeting of the Association of Sick Children's Hospital Nurses will be held by kind invitation of the Committee at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1, on Saturday, May 6th, at 2.30 p.m. R.S.V.P. Matron, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.

### "THE INTERNATIONAL NURSING REVIEW."

As we go to press the quarterly issue of *The International Nursing Review* is to hand, and is admirably produced as usual. The portraits of Miss C. M. Roy, Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S., Miss Nan L. Dorsey and Mrs. Maynard L. Carter are excellent.

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