

become fibrous tissue. Pictures were shown to indicate the principles upon which pneumothorax is resorted to when air is introduced into the pleural cavity and the lung is collapsed, or nearly so, provided the adhesions are not of such a type as to prevent this. Thus the diseased lung can be given complete rest and the air in the pleural cavity acts as a splint or support for it. Slides were shown, explanatory of the effects of adhesions, when this treatment is resorted to and the measures taken in certain cases so that the cavity be allowed to close. Pictures showing cases where thorocoplasty had been resorted to were also shown, and the doctor emphasised the importance of the preparation and after care which depends so much upon the nurse in these cases. Other cases were shown indicating the result of phrenic evulsion, where the base of the lung is collapsed by paralysing the diaphragm, and of extra-pleural pneumothorax.

Miss Allbutt proposed a warm vote of thanks to Dr. Hoyle.

THE TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.

The report of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund shows steady progress, and during the year £1,080 has been invested towards the foundation of annuities. But the work of collection is slow, and, as most of the subscriptions arrive in comparatively small sums (the larger number in amounts of one shilling), a very great deal of work is involved in proportion to the total of each day's figures. On the other hand, the investment referred to gives evidence of the value of small amounts when sent regularly each year, and the work of administration and the expenses involved are very greatly lessened by the time so generously given to this benevolent activity, week by week, by Miss Brown and Miss Swaby Smith. The interest received for Trust Investments is now very small in comparison with what it was ten or fifteen years ago. Seventy-four nurses are, however, in receipt of annuities of varying amounts. Only those in intimate touch with the administration of the Fund can realise what this means in relieving the anxieties of age and sickness in some degree.

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MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The 65th Quarterly Meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association was held on Saturday, June 3rd, 1939, at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.

At this meeting, Miss M. A. Ruddell, Matron of Scalebor Park, Burley-in-Wharfedale, Leeds, was elected a Member, proposed by Miss Skene, Matron of Bethlem Royal Hospital, and seconded by Mrs. Lediard, Matron of Middlesex Colony.

The members enjoyed tea and a social gathering at the termination of business transacted.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The South African Trained Nurses' Association is well satisfied with the result of its referendum inviting an expression of opinion from its members on majority representation of Trained Nurses on the South African Nursing Committee of the South African Medical Council which conducts the registration of nurses in South Africa.

Up to date the majority of votes in favour is 3,391, and against 37.

We have no doubt this reform will be effected, but we hope the nurse representatives, if in the majority, will show courage and loyalty to their colleagues which of late has been lacking by the majority of nurse representatives on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses will be held at Headquarters, 51, Palace Street, London, S.W.1, from Wednesday, 5th, to Friday, 7th July next. Saturday, 8th July, is to be kept free provisionally. Members of the Board are invited to send suggestions for additions or amendments to the Agenda not later than 15th June.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, LONDON, JULY, 1939.

Preliminary Agenda.

1. (a) Minutes of the last meeting, London, 25th July, 1937 (as circulated).
(b) Apologies for absence.
(c) Introductory remarks by the President.
2. (a) Report of the Executive Secretary.
(b) Report of the Treasurer.
3. Reports of the Standing Committees :—
 - (a) Membership.
 - (b) Congress Programme.
 - (c) Congress Arrangements.
 - (d) Publications.
 - (e) Nominating.
 - (f) Education.
 - (g) Public Health Nursing.
 - (h) Private Duty Nursing.
 - (i) Ethics of Nursing.
 - (j) Revision of Constitution and By-Laws.
 - (k) Finance.
 - (l) Advisory.
 - (m) Headquarters.
 - (n) Florence Nightingale Foundation.
4. Reports of the Special Committees.
 - (a) Mental Nursing and Hygiene.
 - (b) Health Statistics.
5. Finance.
Expenses of President and Officers of I.C.N.
6. National Associations.
 - (a) Reorganisation of German Nurses' Association.
 - (b) Dissolution of Austrian Nurses' Association.
7. Headquarters.
 - (a) Staff.
 - (b) Arrangements for Headquarters in case of war.
 - (c) Should Officers return I.C.N. material to Headquarters on the completion of their term of office, or pass it on to their successors?
 - (d) Library.
8. Congress.
 - (a) Appointment of Travel Agent.
 - (b) Programme.
 - (c) Printing of Programme and Papers.
9. Florence Nightingale International Foundation.
 - (a) Policy for I.C.N. nominations to F.N.I.F. offices.
 - (b) Election of I.C.N. representatives to Grand Council and Committee of Management of F.N.I.F.
 - (c) Finance.
 - (d) Travelling expenses of I.C.N. representatives.
10. Resolutions.
Resolution received from the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

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