

### THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses will be held in the Lecture Room, Nurses' Home, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on Saturday, July 1st, at 3 p.m. The agenda of the meeting brings home to members the great loss the League has sustained by the resignation of Miss Helen T. Baines, as Hon. General Secretary, who has helped to build up the Senior Nurses' League for so many years on principles to be emulated by others with advantage.

The agenda of the forthcoming meeting contains notice of business of importance. The President, Miss Dey, has down a proposed addition to the Constitution providing for the election of Vice-Presidents of the League for Life, carrying the power to vote as members of all committees; this honour to be conferred on those members who have given notable service to the League on Nursing. In the event of the resolution being carried, it is proposed to elect as a Vice-President Miss Helen T. Baines—an honour well deserved—and which there is little doubt will be conferred by acclamation.

#### The League to Help the Hospital Appeal.

The following letter of appeal has been circulated, and we have no doubt it will be sympathetically received by every member of the League:—

"Dear Member,

We are very anxious for all members to help in every way they can, to give and collect a substantial sum as a Donation from the League to the Hospital Appeal.

This donation to be ear-marked for the Nurses' Home Building Fund unless otherwise clearly stated by the Donor.

Members might hold whist drives, bridge parties, make and sell jams, sweets, cakes, jumpers, bed-jackets, and, or, collect donations from their friends.

Please help in every way you can.

Donations should be sent to:—

Miss Baines,  
St. Bartholomew's Hospital,  
London, E.C.1

as soon as possible, and before November 1st, 1939.

Yours sincerely,  
Helen Dey, *President*.  
Wine-Field Hadfield, *Treasurer*.  
Margaret Swain, *Hon. Secretary*.

Cheques should be made payable to:—

St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League Appeal."

The majority of the leading London Hospitals are in serious financial difficulties, and need thousands of pounds to bring new departments up to date. Medical and Nursing Schools as educational bodies are of National importance, and necessarily very costly in the upkeep, and those of us who believe in the Voluntary Hospital system realise that it is in danger. "The State" has become a veritable octopus in connection with the health of the people, and its feelers are surely out to crush the initiative of nursing self-government, to degrade our educational standards and economic security. Nursing on the cheap is apparently the disastrous policy of our present Ministry of Health.

### 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 May 26th. Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

The Council paid silent tribute to the memory of the late Dr. M. H. Kettle, a member of Council appointed by the Ministry of Health, and the Chairman spoke in appreciation of the services she had rendered to the nursing profession, both before her appointment to the Council in 1933, and since.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

The Chairman read the following letter from the Minister of Health:—

Ministry of Health,  
Whitehall, S.W.1.  
17th May, 1939.

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES 3 AND 4 (1).

MADAM,

I am directed by the Minister of Health to enclose the Amendments to Rules 3 and 4 (1) of the part of Rules relating to the admission to the register by examination which he has approved. The Amendments were laid before the House of Commons on the 15th instant and the House of Lords on the 16th.

I am, Madam,  
Your obedient Servant,  
H. A. DE MONTMORENCY.

The Registrar,  
General Nursing Council,  
23, Portland Place, W.1.

### THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES.

Amendments to Rules 3 and 4 (1) of that part of the Rules which relates to admission to the Register by Examination after June 30th, 1925.

There shall be substituted for Rules 3 and 4(1) of that part of the Rules which relates to admission to the Register by Examination after June 30th, 1925, the following:—

3. The entrance fee for the Test Examination shall be Five Shillings; for the Preliminary Examination—Thirty Shillings for Part I, Thirty Shillings for Part II, and Two guineas if both Parts are taken together; and for the Final Examination Three guineas. The fee shall be paid before the applicant's name is entered for the examination.

4. (1) The Preliminary Examination shall be divided into two parts, of which Part I shall include the subjects of Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene, and Part II shall include the subjects of First Aid and Nursing as laid down in the Syllabus of Subjects for this Examination.

(a) No person shall be entitled to enter for either part of the Preliminary Examination unless:

If her entry into a Training School (Complete or Affiliated) is on or after the 1st day of January, 1938, she has satisfied the Council that she has passed the Test Examination, either before her entry into the Training School or within three months (or such longer period as the Council may in any particular case allow) thereafter: Provided that the requirements of the paragraph, so far as they relate to the Test Examination, shall not apply where the Council are satisfied that the candidate:—

(i) Has passed the Matriculation Examination of any University within His Majesty's Dominions: or

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