

Dr. Collins, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Dey, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Jones, Miss MacManus, Mr. Ousby.

Mental Nursing Committee.—Miss Bowes, Mr. Buckley, Miss Campbell, Dr. Collins, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Gwatkin, Miss Lane, Miss Willis.

General Purposes Committee.—Dr. Collins, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Dey, Mrs. Edwards, Lady Limerick, Mr. Ousby.

Uniform Committee.—Mr. Buckley, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Lane, Miss Milne, Miss Pearce, Miss Willis.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are *ex-officio* members of all Committees.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next Meeting of the Council was fixed for Friday, February 24th.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.

Notes of proceedings at meeting of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, held at 5, Darnaway Street, Edinburgh, on Friday, January 20th, 1939.

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

Apologies for absence were intimated from Dr. Buist, Dr. Chalmers, Miss Kaye and Miss Robinson.

Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., was unanimously re-appointed Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year and Colonel D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., was unanimously re-appointed Vice-Chairman.

Appointment of Committees.

The various Committees for the year were constituted. Colonel D. J. Mackintosh, C.B., M.V.O., LL.D., was appointed Convener of the Education and Examination Committee; Sir John Lorne MacLeod, G.B.E., LL.D., was appointed Convener of the Finance Committee; Dr. R. C. Buist was appointed Convener of the Disciplinary and Penal Cases Committee.

Annual Report.

A draft of the Annual Report to be submitted to the Department of Health for Scotland in terms of the Act, was submitted and approved.

Report of Education and Examination Committee.

The Report of the Education and Examination Committee was submitted and approved. In accordance with the recommendations of the Committee it was resolved to approve temporarily:—

St. Andrew's Hospital, London.

Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.

City Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

in order to allow Nurses trained at these Hospitals to sit the Council's Final Examination in General and Fever Nursing respectively.

The names of Miss Alexandrina Ross, Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, and Miss Ida B. H. Renton, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, were added to the Panel of Examiners.

Report of Finance Committee.

The Report of the Finance Committee was submitted and approved and sundry Accounts were passed for payment.

Registration.

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

Reported one application for registration by reciprocity. Applications for re-inclusion in the Register after failure to pay the Retention Fee were nine. All these applications were approved.

Date of Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of Council should be held on February 17th, 1939.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

Lord Southwood, who has been elected Chairman of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, in making an urgent plea for hospitals, emphasised their national importance in time of war.

"Yet, almost without exception," he states "they are forced to carry out their work with the tremendous handicap of inadequate financial resources which would find them ill-equipped to meet a national emergency. Our hospitals need immediate assistance, and it is imperative that action should be taken now. I ask everyone, therefore, wherever he may live, to help his hospital in every way he can.

"Our hospitals are answering increasing calls on their services every day. The necessity of applying new treatment in the fight against disease demands costly equipment and training. Yet their income is not equal to their normal working costs. Hospitals are a national insurance against ill-health. That should make them of paramount importance to the life of the nation. They are an essential service in peace—they would become vital in time of war. But it is now that we must bring them to their maximum efficiency. Every help that science can offer should be made available to them and the people they serve."

No doubt Lord Southwood had in mind the fact that the Committee of the Hospital for Sick Children has had to close its beautiful and most beneficent Branch at Tadworth. This is really a terrible loss to scientific treatment, and the friends of the hospital should not rest until it is reopened.

At the annual general meeting of the Royal Masonic Hospital, Ravenscourt Park, prominence was given in the report to the nursing department, which stated that the supporters of the hospital had to bear in mind the question of nursing hours. The nurses employed by the R.M.H. were all fully-trained, well treated, paid, housed, looked after. Modification of hours was necessary. The leading hospitals were coming into the 96-hour fortnight, and the R.M.H. ought not to be behind others. This would necessarily involve some increase of staff and extra expenditure. To judge from the Treasurer's report this increase of expenditure should present no difficulties.

The Treasurer, in his report, said that during the year donations to the appeal fund amounted to £54,562. The general funds had increased by £8,413, and the legacy and commemoration fund by £104,499. The samaritan fund, which enables necessitous cases to be dealt with, had increased by £2,400 to £7,574. There still remains about £4,000 to be paid to the contractors for the construction. The ordinary income at £42,942 showed an increase of £300.

As reported in *The Manchester Guardian*—

"The Minister of Health (Mr. Walter Elliot) spent a full day in Manchester on January 20th giving his personal attention and blessing to a number of pioneer undertakings that are part of the local hospital services. He was at the Royal Infirmary well before 10 o'clock in the morning, went on to St Mary's Hospitals, which now almost adjoin, then to the Town Hall for an official lunch as the guest of the municipal Health Committee. From there he went to the Christie Hospital and Holt Radium Institute at Withington, where he spent two hours inspecting the two institutions and inquiring closely into the system that has been developed for the early diagnosis and treatment of cancer through clinics established over a great part of the North-western Counties.

"The day's tour extended well over seven hours, and included speeches at the various hospitals, with another speech at the Town Hall that was of a more general charac-

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