

PEOPLE WHO PASS IN THE LIGHT.

THE RETIREMENT OF MISS ELSIE M. LAWLER.

The celebrated School of Nursing attached to the Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore, U.S.A., suffers a severe loss by the retirement of Miss Lawler, the present Superintendent of Nurses, who for so many years has maintained the highest standard in the education and morale of its student nurses.

Miss Lawler had no easy task following in authority, as she did, her two eminent predecessors—Miss Isabel Hampton and Miss M. Adelaide Nutting. Thus three women of very special ability and character have held power between them for upwards of half a century.

We can hardly realise that that length of time has passed away since we spent a few entrancing days as the guest of Miss Hampton at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1892. It seems but yesterday that, together with this wonderful woman and her assistant, Miss Lavinia Dock, we took counsel together to the early hours discussing the possibilities of Nursing Organisation and saw visions which in many instances have long since come to pass.

Miss Lawler, who confesses she has the "Congress habit," is known through the International Council gatherings to her colleagues in many European countries who will hope sincerely that she will continue to attend these inspiring meetings as soon as the world is at peace, until which time she has our sincere good wishes for the happiest time possible when she bids farewell to the special environment she loves.

NATIONAL NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF CHINA SONG.

We have received from Miss Cora E. Simpson, from Nanking, China, a copy of one of the songs issued by the Nurses' Association of China.

Florence Nightingale, Our Guide.

- 1 Florence Nightingale our guide,
She our prophet, she our guide;
In her spirit we would serve,
Never from her pattern swerve;
And in gratitude most deep
Her blest image in us keep.
- 2 For a nation clean and strong
We ourselves do hope and long;
By our life and practice pure
Make its happiness secure.
Sacrifice all selfish aim,
Thus our nation's health reclaim.
- 3 Members joined with noble mind,
Here our own best self we find;
Hand in hand, no pain we fear
With our suffering neighbour near;
Faithful to our duty we
To our cause would loyal be.
- 4 Service known from east to west—
To our land we bring our best;
Day by day in wisdom grow,
More to learn and more to know;
N.A.C. in word and deed
In the path of progress lead.

LEGACIES TO NURSES.

The late Dr. John Waring, of Chichester, left Nurse Elsie N. Evans an annuity of £100.

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 November 22nd. Dame Ellen Musson, D.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 £16,500 for Examiners' Claims and Expenses and Accommodation for Examinations, £800 for Weekly Salaries, £250 for Postage Stamps, £40 for Insurance Stamps and £10 for Petty Cash were allowed.

It was agreed that the estimate of £3,368 10s. be accepted for 250 copies of the Register of Nurses.

The estimated expenditure to January 4th, 1941, was considered, and it was agreed that authority be given to the Chairman of Council, the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Registrar to sign the Memorandum of Deposit on behalf of the Council charging to the Midland Bank, Ltd., £6,600 Government of the Commonwealth of Australia 3½ per cent. Registered Stock, 1946-1949, and £5,000 Port of London Authority 3½ per cent. Registered Stock, 1965-1975, to be held nominally as cover in return for an advance of £6,780 to meet temporary need.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration were:—General Register, by reciprocity, 4; Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses by Examination, 13. Total 17.

It was agreed that 81 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

It was agreed that the names of 165 nurses be retained on the Register for the ensuing year, who are in enemy-occupied territory, and to whom it has not been possible to send retention fee notices.

It was reported that the Roll of Nurses for Hong Kong, 1940, has been received from the Nurses' Board of Hong Kong.

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that:

Grantham Hospital be now fully approved as a complete Training School;

The provisional approval of the Infants' Hospital, London, as a complete Training School for Sick Children's Nurses be extended for a further period of two years, or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less;

The provisional approval of the Princess Beatrice Hospital, London; the Hove General Hospital, and the Luton and Dunstable Hospital as complete Training Schools be extended for a further period of two years, or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less;

The provisional scheme of affiliation between the Livingstone Hospital, Dartford, and the County Hospital, Dartford; and between the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry, and the Leicester Royal Infirmary, be extended for a further period of two years, or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less;

The provisional approval of Mill Hill Isolation Hospital, Huddersfield, as a complete Training School for Fever Nurses, be extended for a further period of two years, or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less;

The provisional approval of the scheme of affiliation between the Isolation Hospital, Caerphilly, and Cardiff City Isolation Hospital; and between Hastings Borough Sanatorium and Brighton Borough Sanatorium and

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