

## THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.

### MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

July 9th. There will be a meeting of the Council at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7 on July 9th, at 2.30 p.m. The business to be considered is of importance.

### NEW BOOKS.

The following new works are now available on loan to members:—"First Aid and the Medical Practitioner," by various authors; "Illustrations of Bandaging and First Aid," by Lois Oakes, S.R.N., D.N.; "Twins and Super-Twins," by Horatio Hackett Newman, Ph.D., Sc.D.; and "The Theory and Practice of Massage and Medical Gymnastics," by Beatrice M. Goodall-Copestake, Examiner to the Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics, formerly Teacher of Massage and Swedish Remedial Exercises to the Nursing Staff of the London Hospital.

## INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

### PRESENTATION TO MISS HELENA McLOUGHLIN, PRESIDENT.

The Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association held their Annual Meeting on Saturday afternoon, June 6th, at the Isolation Hospital, Romford. The members were cordially welcomed by Mrs. Thomas, Chairman of the Board and Miss Poskitt, the Matron, in the delightful Nurses' Home attached to the Hospital.

The Meeting was made the occasion for the presentation of a useful cheque from the members of the Association to the President, Miss McLoughlin, on her retirement from the position of Matron of the East Ham Isolation Hospital.

The presentation was made by the Hon. Treasurer, Miss A. S. Bryson, who, in a neat speech, said that although Miss McLoughlin was retiring from the Hospital, she intended to continue her work for the nursing profession and would also continue to act as President of the Association. This announcement was received with applause. Miss Bryson, continuing, said that Miss McLoughlin had been a member of the Association since its inception, on the Executive Committee and twice President. Of sterling character, Miss McLoughlin always had the courage of her convictions, and was ever seeking for the betterment of the State Registered Nurse. The members were delighted to give her this token of their love and esteem with their thanks to Miss McLoughlin for the great work she had done and would continue to do for nurses.

Miss McLoughlin, looking very charming in a flowered voile dress and large shady hat, was obviously touched when she rose to give her reply, observing that, although she was an Irishwoman, she was now speechless. She was tremendously delighted with the generous gift, although she felt it was quite undeserved. She had the best interest of all nurses at heart, particularly fever nurses. Even though she may no longer be a Matron, she would still keep in touch with the Association, whose meetings and activities she had always enjoyed. She thanked the subscribing members for their kind thought for her future.

The business of the meeting followed. All honorary members were re-elected to serve for the duration. Miss McLoughlin continues as President, Miss A. S. Bryson as Treasurer, Miss B. M. West as Hon. Secretary, all the officers being warmly thanked for their services.

Miss F. M. Campbell and Miss D. Tilby join the Executive, filling the vacancies created by the death of Miss Thornton Ruddy and the resignation of Miss Villiers.

Miss Bryson submitted her Report and Balance Sheet of a very satisfactory character. Miss B. M. West presented

her Report, and thanked the Nursing Press for the help given in publishing Notices, Reports, etc., in their respective papers free of charge.

A delightful tea was then served, members of the Hospital staff joining in, and afterwards a tour of the Hospital was made.

The members attending expressed their appreciation to Miss West, Hon. Secretary, for the arrangements made, and to Miss Poskitt, Matron of the Hospital, for her kind hospitality.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting on Saturday afternoon, September 12th, at the Clare Hall Sanatorium, South Mimms.

B. M. WEST, S.R.N., S.C.M., *Hon. Secretary.*

## THE LEAGUE OF FEVER NURSES.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The members of the League of Fever Nurses held their annual meeting on Saturday, June 20th, at the Aldwych Corner Restaurant, 346, Strand, London, W.C.2, at 3 p.m. Miss Barcham, S.R.N., President, took the chair, and on opening the meeting alluded to the sad loss, by death, of the Hon. Secretary, Miss J. Ruddy, who was so much esteemed by all those with whom she came in contact; her kind personality in the League would be greatly missed.

Miss B. West had most generously volunteered to act for the League until a permanent secretary was forthcoming, and she would like to propose a warm vote of thanks to Miss West for her kindness as nothing could have been more helpful.

### Appointment of Hon. Officer.

She was very happy to inform the meeting that Miss McLoughlin was willing to act, and on putting it to the meeting it was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that Miss McLoughlin be appointed Secretary.

In connection with the appointment of Hon. Officers, Miss Barcham was re-appointed President; Miss A. S. Bryson, Hon. Treasurer; and Miss Mackie a Vice-President.

In a short address, the President drew the attention of the Committee to the many important questions in front of nurses to-day—enumerating a long list in which was the question of the "Assistant Nurse."

### The Nurses' Salaries' Committee.

Although the League had no representative on the Nurses' Salaries Committee, they felt the British College of Nurses, Ltd., which is represented, would look to the nurses' interests.

### The Proposed Abolition of the State Supplementary Registers.

This suggestion aroused a lively discussion on what steps should be taken to oppose this movement, and it was agreed that a meeting be held at an early date to draw up a memorandum in opposition to it.

### The Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's Report showed a balance in hand on the current account of £6 15s. 1d. Concerning the deposit account, it was agreed to leave it as at present invested until after the war, when, it was suggested, it might be used to help one or two League nurses to attend the next International Congress of Nurses.

In closing the meeting, the President thought members should use their influence for the Health Services, and, to paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, "What we need is Government of the Nurses, by the Nurses, for the Nurses." It was not necessary for her to emphasise the consideration of that most important thing of all—the welfare of the patient.

The meeting then terminated.

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