

3; Supplementary Part of the Register, for Male Nurses, by examination, 1; for Mental Nurses, by examination, 3; by reciprocity, 3; for Sick Children's Nurses, by examination, 14; for Fever Nurses, by examination, 22; by reciprocity, 2. Total, 207.

It was agreed that 56 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

Education and Examination.

It was agreed that the provisional approval of the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, as a Complete Training School for Male Nurses, be extended for a further period of two years, or for the duration of the war, whichever is the less.

On the recommendation of the Board of Education, it was agreed that the one-year whole-time course at Peterborough County School for Girls; at Southgate County School, Middlesex; at Enfield County School, Middlesex; at Twickenham County School, Middlesex; at Thames Valley County School, Middlesex; at Harrow County School for Girls; at Copthall County School, Mill Hill, Middlesex; at Preston Manor County School, Wembley, Middlesex; at Harrow Weald County School, Middlesex; at Ealing County Girls' School, Middlesex; and at St. Angela's High School, West Ham, be provisionally approved for the purposes of Part I. of the Preliminary Examination.

General Purposes.

The position in regard to the work in the office was considered, and it was agreed that the Minister of Health be asked to sanction the appointment of a Second Assistant Registrar.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for January 22nd, 1943.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Miss Susan A. Villiers, Hon. Treasurer (*pro tem.*) of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, has recently communicated with the Presidents of the affiliated Associations and forwarded to them a copy of the audited accounts for 1941-1942, which we hope to insert next month. It is well to know that there is a surplus of funds in each section and that £100 has been invested so that we have now saved a nice little nest egg of over £1,300, and when our colleagues return from National duty they will meet without grievance that their affairs have been agreed in their absence.

THE TWO "DISGRACES."

"You are a disgrace to your sex and your profession," two Civil Reserve nurses, charged with being drunk and incapable, were told by the magistrate, Mr. A. E. Parish, at Braintree, Essex, on January 2nd.

Annie Collis, aged 20; and May Elizabeth Matthews, aged 22; nurses at Black Notley Sanatorium, were found lying drunk at midnight in a Braintree street. They admitted having been drinking with soldiers, who gave them a bottle of gin. Each was fined 5s.

"We are very sorry, and we will never do such a thing again," they said.

We wish to point out that neither of these young women are Registered Nurses, and therefore do not belong to the Nursing profession. We hope they have been removed from the Civil Nursing Reserve—minus stars and stripes, with which so many of these women have been plastered.

THE INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

Appointment of New Secretary.

Miss L. Clark, S.R.N., Matron of the Isolation Hospital, Hendon, has been appointed Hon. Secretary of the Infectious Hospitals' Matrons' Association.

Miss Clark, who has had administrative experience in various parts of the country, has held the posts of Matron of the Lancaster and of the Nottingham Isolation Hospitals, and the Association is to be congratulated in securing the services of one who is an unswerving supporter of the policy which stands for the independence of the Nursing Profession.

RESIGNATION OF MISS CHRISTINA MACCALLUM.

Miss Christina Maccallum, Matron of Dykebar Mental Hospital, near Paisley, has resigned, after holding the position for 34 years, having been appointed in 1908, after having been Night Superintendent at the Glasgow Royal Asylum. As a token of appreciation of her services, Miss Maccallum has received gifts from the Committee of Management and the officials.

THE PASSING BELL.

Miss Janet Erskine Dods, R.R.C.

The death has occurred at Rothamstead, Cullane, of Miss Janet Erskine Dods, retired Matron, of the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, who served with distinction in the last war. Miss Dods was 73 years of age and was a daughter of the late Rev. George Dods, minister, of Garvald. She was appointed Matron of the Military Hospital, Shorncliffe, after serving as a nurse in the South African War, and when war broke out in 1914 she went to France with the Expeditionary Force.

In recognition of her services in the war she was awarded the Royal Red Cross.

WHAT TO READ.

MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

"Rufus Isaacs, First Marquess of Reading." The Marquess of Reading, K.C.
 "Washington Waltz." Helen Lombard.

FICTION.

"Work Suspended." Evelyn Waugh.
 "Army Without Banners." Ann Stafford.
 "Lover Come Back." Barrett Willoughby.
 "A Narrow Street." Elliot Paul.

MISCELLANEOUS.

"The Fall of Paris." The Stalin Prize Novel for 1942. Ilya Ehrenburg.
 "Beveridge Report."
 "Malayan Postscript." Ian Morrison.
 "The British Empire, 1815-1939." Paul Knapland.
 "The Years of Endurance." G. M. Trevor.
 "One of Our Pilots is Safe." Quentin Reynolds.

A Leader in Municipal Reform.

Have you read "Octavia Hill," a Biography by E. Moberly Bell, with a Foreword by Sir Reginald Rowe, if not, it will profit you greatly. This wonderful woman inspired many reforms for the benefit of the nation, most beneficent of all being the foundation, with Sir Robert Hunter, of "The National Trust." What splendid gifts we all enjoy through this inspiration.

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