

It was agreed that Birmingham Infirmery; Staines County Hospital, Ashford; North Middlesex County Hospital, Edmonton; be provisionally approved for a period of two years as training schools for Assistant Nurses; and Clare Hall Sanatorium, South Mimms, as a Component Training School for Assisted Nurses.

Report of House Committee.

It was reported that in accordance with directions given by the Council at the Meeting on February 23rd, 1945, negotiations in respect of the premises No. 17, Portland Place, and No. 17, Duchess Mews, have been continued. An agreement has been drawn up in accordance with the terms accepted by Council, under which the Council, on payment of a sum of £3,500, obtain an underlease of the premises at a rental of £1,750 per annum for a term of 35 years from March 25th, 1945. The underlease to be determinable at the seventh, fourteenth, twenty-first or twenty-eighth year of the term and with an option, to be exercised at any time during the year 1948, to purchase the Head Lease for the sum of £22,000.

Application for Restoration of Name to the Register.

An application was made by Miss E. M. Corlett (now Mrs. Shipman) for restoration of her name to the Register. Her name had been removed from the Register because she had been found guilty of stealing from a patient.

It was agreed that, as she had been of good behaviour since then, and had learned her lesson, that her name be restored to the Register of Nurses.

The Council then went *in camera* and considered the case of a Registered Nurse reported by the Police Authorities; three other cases concerning Registered Nurses, and an application for Restoration of Name to the Register.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The date of the next Meeting of the Council was fixed for April 27th.

WHAT TO READ.

MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "The Life of John Colet." Sir J. A. R. Marriott.
- "Alfred Williams, His Life and Work." Leonard Clark.
- "The Good Solicitor." Reginald L. Hine.

FICTION.

- "The Blue Angel." Heinrich Mann.
- "On the Side of the Angels." Betty Miller.
- "The Minstrel Year." Margaret Ferguson.
- "Phantom Lady." William Irish.
- "The Only Door Out." Mary Wilkes.
- "No Music in the Nightingale." John Paddy Carstairs.
- "Whom Nobody Owns." Andrew Spiller.
- "Strange Story." Hilda Lewis.
- "The Lady of the Hare." John Layard.
- "The Sighing of the Heart." Maritta Wolff.
- "The Story of Ragged Robyn." Oliver Onions.
- "Island in the Sky." Ernest Gann.
- "Baronet and Steward." E. A. B. Barnard.
- "The Steep Ascent." Anne Morrow.
- "The Handsome Langleys." Neil Bell.
- "Odd Man Out." F. L. Green.
- "Glass Houses." Laura Whetter.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- "Living Worship." David G. Peck.
- "The Unquenchable Light." K. S. Latourette.
- "Germany and Europe." F. Darmstaedter.
- "Soviet Stories of the Last Decade." Elisaveta Fen.
- "Life in Bogotá." Virginia Paxton.
- "Poems from the Irish." The Earl of Longford.
- "Understand America." Hamilton Basso.
- "Beyond the Hill Lies China." Herbert M. Moran.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

Editor Appreciates Kind Letters.

It is always encouraging to the Editor to find that the unique work of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING in support of professional status and efficiency is appreciated at home and abroad.

Miss A. Wilkinson, Delhi, writes: "It is always with great pleasure one receives the JOURNAL, and it is splendid that you have been able to publish it so regularly and punctually during all these years of war."

From London, Ontario, Canada, comes a most inspiring letter from Miss Mary L. Jacobs, so well known to us for her fine work in Ontario. It is most interesting to learn how much one woman can do to help to mitigate the misery of this terrible war—sew at the Children's Shelter one day a week, active at Cathedral Church of St. Paul, teach a class of girls, 13 to 16, at Sunday School, work at Women's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada; also the Mothers' Union, and knits socks between times.

A Christmas box from Miss Jacobs sent to the British College of Nurses, Ltd., contained many good things.

A Lovely Dream.

A Nurse writes: "Thank God it is suggested we poor worn out old nurses with no one to care for us, and unable to care for ourselves, may be able to die in peace. I am a broken reed after 30 years' hard work and no family to rely on, and I dread the inevitable breakdown before release. The present generation of nurses, with their ample salaries, and emoluments, can with care provide for old age. My generation were not able to do so and no hospital wants 'uninteresting old crocks.' Do push the need for a Home for old nurses to die in.

"I am going blind, I am over 80, what a lovely dream—a country house and garden, kind people to care for me, and pass me on into the Elysian fields."

The Unfortunate Sick.

"An Old Matron" writes: "It is almost impossible to believe that we Registered Nurses are now classed with 'Faith Healers.' Surely the Medical Profession will move to prevent further exploitation of the unfortunate sick."

"No Quackery" writes: "I was surprised to read in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING that you advise all Registered Nurses to pay the additional fee for keeping their names on the Register. I decline to do so, as I have no intention of remaining a member of a so-called profession which de-grades the standard of efficiency at which I registered some years ago. I will not be associated with unqualified women and quacks. Many of my friends feel strongly in this sense; we intend to continue to tend the sick and wounded—as nobody cares here whether we are registered or not—and when no longer required we intend to emigrate to a Dominion and seek other work."

[We still advise Registered Nurses to keep their names on the professional list, although we warmly sympathise with their indignation at being associated with quacks—as approved by the Minister of Health. Always fight wrongs, never run away from them. We would remind our correspondent that our Dominions have reciprocity on Nurses' Registration with Great Britain, so that nurses who emigrate would meet with difficulty if they desired to practise nursing.—ED.]

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