

A washing and ironing-room with adequate drying and airing arrangements.

Adequate cupboard space for keeping linen, stores, and cleaning utensils; box-rooms; housemaid's cupboard, sink, and slop-sink.

One or more serveries or kitchenettes on each floor fitted with a gas or electric stove and a sink.

Dining-rooms, large, well-lit, very well ventilated and pleasantly decorated and provided with an adequate serving-room with hotplates, water boilers, tea and coffee urns or pots, service wagons, and an annexe with plate cleaning sinks, sterilisers, crockery washing machine, glass washing sinks, cutlery washing sinks, storage-room for utensils and accommodation for washing and drying tea and glass cloths.

Whether the dining-room should be centralised or in the Nurses' Home, and whether the provision of a cafeteria system is desirable depends on the size and character of the hospital, but in all cases arrangements should be made for nurses to obtain light refreshment in the Nurses' Home.

Sitting-rooms in the Home, if possible, in the vicinity of some green space or garden. Separate sitting-rooms for Sisters, trained staff, and student nurses.

Recreation-room (for dancing, physical training, games, etc., with stage, if size of room permits), with provision for the service of refreshments. Special attention to the situation of the room in order to avoid undue restrictions in regard to noise.

Cloakroom on ground floor.

Quiet room and general library.

A visitors' room in which nurses can entertain their friends.

Guests' cloakroom.

A reception office with provision for receiving letters, parcels, and luggage.

Adequate telephone facilities, including the reception and transmission of personal messages while absent from the Home.

Facilities for outdoor games.

#### Matron's House.

Wherever possible, a house should be provided in the grounds for the Matron's residence; in any case, her accommodation should be entirely apart from that of the nurses and the patients.

#### THE MEMORANDUM.

We advise those interested in the training of nurses to obtain and study the "Memorandum Regarding Planning, Building and Equipping of Hospitals," drafted by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. No profession of women has suffered more during the war from the interference of ignorant, autocratic Ministers than that of Nursing, and the fact that the Nurses Act, 1943, provides legal status and enrolment for untrained "Faith Healers," entitled "Christian Science Nurses," who refuse to recognise the direction of the medical faculty, treats the sick public with contempt, and highly qualified Registered Nurses with gross injustice.

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, which is composed of the Presidents of the Affiliated Associations and the Hon. Officers, was held on Wednesday, May 9th, at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, at which there was a representative attendance considering the official announcement of the ending of hostilities in Europe and a two days' public holiday.

It will be remembered that meetings of the National Council of Nurses had been suspended on the declaration of war, as the whole energy of the Nursing Profession was at once requisitioned at home and abroad.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, S.R.N., Founder of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, was voted to the chair.

The notification of the death of the Hon. Treasurer, Miss Susan A. Villiers, S.R.N., was received standing with sincere regret.

#### A Short Report.

The Chairman presented a short report during the quiescence of the National Council, war having practically ceased in Europe, the Committee was summoned to make recommendations.

#### The International Council of Nurses.

The Chairman presented a short report of the proceedings of the International Council of Nurses, to which the British Nurses Council is affiliated, which, for the past five years, has functioned in the United States of America under the direction of Miss Effie Taylor, D.N., President, the offices being situated in New York City, where an unofficial conference was well attended in October, 1944.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick invited Dame Ellen Musson, S.R.N., Treasurer of the International Council of Nurses, to speak on its present organisation. Dame Ellen Musson spoke at some length on International nursing affairs. She said it was hoped to summon a meeting of the Board of Directors as soon as possible, preferably in London. Members of the I.C.N. on the continent were looking forward very eagerly to getting into touch with their colleagues again.

#### Financial Statement.—The Audited Accounts.

The audited accounts were presented to September, 1944, which were very satisfactory, the balance at the bank being £109 18s. 4d.

Dividends paid on £1,000 3½ per cent. Conversion Loan, £17 10s., and £3 on £100 3 per cent. Defence Bonds amounted to £20 10s.

The report was adopted.

#### Meeting of the Grand Council.

It was agreed that a Meeting of the Grand Council be summoned for Friday, June 29th, and that nominations for President, three Vice-presidents, six Directors, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary should be received by June 15th next.

Miss H. V. Hillyers offered accommodation at Riddell House, St. Thomas's Hospital, for the meeting of the Grand Council, which was accepted. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chair.

The meeting then terminated.

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