

27th, when Mr. Fred Messer, M.P., was elected chairman and Professor Henry Cohen, vice-chairman.

Senior Nurses are cordially invited by the Matron of the National Hospital, Queen Square, London, to attend a Course of six weekly lectures on Neuropsychiatry.

The Course will be opened by Dr. Eliot Slater on August 30th, and the following subjects will be taken by Dr. C. E. Lacey :—

Neuroses, on September 6th; Schizophrenia and its Treatment, on September 13th; Manic Depressive States and their Treatment, on September 20th; Organic Reaction Types, on September 27th; and General Treatment, on October 4th.

We hope as many trained nurses as possible will avail themselves of this generous offer.

Latest results in the Ministry of Health's Intensive Course for Ex-Servicemen and women with nursing qualifications show that 163 out of 179 candidates passed the final State Examination. The proportion of passes (91.1 per cent.) is well above the average for normal student nurse training schools and the highest yet achieved in these special courses.

Of the 179 candidates, 129 were men and 50 women.

Since the Intensive Courses were started in 1946, for the first State Examination in October, 1947, 620 of the students have qualified as State Registered Nurses.

At present there are 297 students (186 men and 111 women) attending courses.

In connection with the decision of the Council of the British Medical Association to award three prizes of 20 guineas each for the best essay, and three prizes of 10 guineas each for the second best essay on given subjects, we offer our congratulations to the following nurses who have been awarded the prizes :—

CATEGORY (I)—For Pupil Nurses. Subject: "Suggested Improvements in the Methods of Training Nurses." *1st Prize:* Miss P. Yates, Nuffield House, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 15. *2nd Prize:* Miss Monica Pearce, General Hospital, Birmingham. *Commended:* Miss Nancy Gawith, Nurses' New House, Royal Infirmary, Manchester, 13; Miss Barbara Mace, Nurses' Home, Guy's Hospital, London, S.E.1.

CATEGORY (II)—For State Registered Nurses working in a Hospital. Subject: "Nursing the Patient *not* the Disease—The Nurse—Patient Relationship." *1st Prize:* Miss Joyce Donaldson S.R.N., Little Bromwich Hospital Birmingham, 9. *2nd Prize:* Miss Lois Beulah, Queen Mary's Maternity Home, Hampstead, N.W.3. *Commended:* Miss Edna J. Dutch, 7, Melody Road, Wandsworth; Sister F. Eddy, Fernhill Cottage, Ponsworthy, Poundsgate, nr. Newton Abbot, S. Devon.

CATEGORY (III)—For State Registered Nurses not working in a Hospital or similar institution, i.e., District Nurses, Private Nurses, etc. Subject: "Difficulties of Nursing in the Patient's Own Home and the Solution." *1st Prize (joint):* Mrs. Audrey J. Franklin, S.R.N., Bredon, Albert Drive, Deganwy, Caerns., and Miss N. Mackintosh, Queen's Nurse, Blackburn, W. Lothian. *Commended:* Miss Marjorie Wilson, 4, Grendon Avenue, Oldham, Lancashire; Mrs. E. Oakley, S.R.N., S.C.M., 58, Cumberland Road, Bromley, Kent.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

It is expected that after the meetings of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses this month in London, more information will be available concerning the International Congress of Nurses in Sweden next year.

It is announced that a Quarterly News Letter is to be published by the National Council of Nurses. The first issue is expected this month.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.

A meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was held on Wednesday, July 28th, 1948 at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

Miss M. B. MacKellar, S.R.N., First Vice-President was in the Chair.

Prayers having been read, the Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

The chairman, rising, expressed herself very happy to report that the news of the progress of the President, Miss H. McLoughlin, was most satisfactory; and the surgical treatment which had been necessary, was quite successful.

Her proposal to send flowers with all good wishes and congratulations was received with acclamation.

Business Arising Out of the Minutes.

Among considerable correspondence a letter was reported from the Registrar, General Nursing Council for England and Wales, stating that the British College of Nurses, Ltd. would be invited to future conferences called by that Council on education or other nursing problems.

Correspondence.

Letters from nurses in the Dominions wishing to gain nursing experience in this country, were considered, and arrangements were made for them to do so.

Communications were reported from members who, after long service, were in need of financial help. They were promised sympathetic consideration.

Thanks for gifts of books were reported from South Africa and Western Australia.

Financial Statement.

A satisfactory financial statement was presented and adopted.

Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications for membership were received and all were elected.

Draft Annual Report.

The draft Annual Report for the year ended June 30th, 1948, was considered and unanimously agreed.

Date of Annual General Meeting.

The date of the Annual General Meeting was fixed for Friday, October 1st, 1948, at 2.30 p.m.

The Editorial Board.

The Editorial Board met previous to the Council Meeting and recommendations were adopted.

THE LEAGUE OF FEVER NURSES.

The Annual General Meeting of the League of Fever Nurses will be held on Saturday, October 2nd, 1948, at 2.30 p.m. at The Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

After which tea will be served in the charming drawing room so much appreciated by League members.

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