

all that time, nothing but courtesy and kindness pertained in our editorial office, it will be realised of what generous participation the nurses of the past have taken in their association with the Profession of Nursing.

As Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for all those years, no expression of admiration upon our part can convey to these two most loyal and devoted helpers our gratitude, which every member of the clerical staff will endorse, and which is owed to them by every Registered Nurse who can appreciate their wonderful work for the status of Nursing and service to the sick.

### THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.

The President feels sure that members will wish to contribute to prove their appreciation of the value of our soldiers on the day they are at last to be seen in their triumphant march through London.

Our sympathies are very sincere for those who have lost their sight in our protection, and we are anxious that they shall have some special recognition on this great occasion.

We have therefore communicated with the Chairman, St. Dunstons (for Service War Blinded), asking for information as to how members of this College can offer a gift for their special enjoyment.

The matter will be discussed at the next meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd.

We have received the following letter *re* the proposal of a Memorial to the late Miss Margaret Breay, S.R.N. :—

“DEAR MADAM,—May I, as an intimate collaborator with the late Miss Margaret Breay in her missionary interests, remind the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., that her work as Matron of the Zanzibar Hospital was of special interest as she had a most extraordinary personal power in the training of black boys for the benefit of their own race, and it was a very disastrous matter when her very serious malarial illness compelled her to vacate this post, and return to work in England.

“If an endowed Memorial is to be organised in connection with her missionary interests, I feel sure that what she would have specially appreciated was that something should be organised for the benefit of training these black boys for helping their own people.

“I hope the Council of the British College of Nurses, in considering this matter, will communicate with the authorities of the Zanzibar Hospital to obtain their opinion on this matter.”

We shall place this communication before the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., when it has the Breay Memorial under consideration.

### WE REMAINED DUMB.

A friend calling upon us recently said : “Take warning, don't mention the word nurse—the public are thoroughly weary of her. One can't open a paper without her concerns bang one in the face. If a girl is not interested in sick people, why should she be bombarded on all sides to enter hospitals for training? My experience is that few girls of the present day are inspired with 'feeling.' They are after a good time.” We, therefore, remained dumb on this matter.

### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

3, ST. CATHERINE'S COURT,  
BEDFORD PARK, W.4.

February, 1946.

DEAR MADAM,—We think it may be of interest to your members to know something of the work of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain of which they are Members, and we therefore propose to write you a letter from time to time which you may publish in your Journal.

The work of the Council as you know, was in abeyance during the years of the war owing to the absence of Members called to the Services or for special work at home and abroad, but a Meeting of the Executive Committee was held on V.E. Day, May 9th, at 19, Queen's Gate, with Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in the Chair. At this Meeting it was decided to summon a meeting of the Grand Council for the purpose of electing new officers.

The meeting of the Grand Council was held at Riddell House by the kind invitation of Miss G. V. L. Hillyers, and the following Members were elected.

PRESIDENT: Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D.

HON. TREASURER: Miss B. M. Monk, C.B.E., R.R.C.

HON. SECRETARY: Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C.

VICE PRESIDENTS: Miss Helen Dey, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss M. C. Marshall, R.G.N., Miss M. F. Hughes, D.N.

DIRECTORS: Miss G. V. L. Hillyers, O.B.E., Miss E. E. P. Macmanus, O.B.E., R.R.C., Miss D. S. Coode, O.B.E., Miss M. Sparkes, Mrs. Woodman, Miss S. C. Bovill.

On Mrs. Bedford Fenwick vacating the Chair, it was taken by the new President who addressed the Meeting. Dame Ellen expressed her thanks to the Members for the honour given to her in making her the President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and then went on to speak of the work done by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. She then proposed the following resolution from the Chair. “The Members of the Grand Council of Nurses of Great Britain hereby place on record their deep appreciation of, and thanks for, the pioneer work done by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick in the organisation of nurses both at home and abroad, and it is also resolved that Mrs. Bedford Fenwick be, and is hereby elected Honorary President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.” This resolution was carried and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick expressed her thanks to the Council.

It was decided that the sub-committee for the Revision of the Constitution of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain should meet with as little delay as possible and the vacancies occurring in that Committee by the deaths of Miss Susan Villiers and Miss Margaret Breay should be filled. The Committee as it stands at present is composed as follows :—Dame Ellen Musson in the Chair, Miss B. M. Monk, Miss M. S. Cochrane, Miss G. V. Hillyers, Miss Alexander, Miss Clunas, Miss Ingram, Miss McLoughlin, and Miss Brodie.

The sub-committee has met seven times, and the draft of the revised constitution circulated to the Presidents of the Member bodies for their consideration before the Meeting of the Executive Committee.

The first meeting of the Executive Committee was

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