

(b) To Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

Most Gracious Majesty,

On behalf of The British College of Nurses, Ltd., I have the honour to express to Your Majesty the grief of its Fellows and Members on the death of their beloved Sovereign King George VI, and to humbly convey to Your Majesty their respectful sympathy.

Signed on behalf of the College,
HELENA McLOUGHLIN, S.R.N., F.B.C.N.,
President.

To which this reply was received :—

BUCKINGHAM PALACE,
February 20th, 1952.

Dear Madam,

I am commanded by Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, to thank you and all those for whom you speak for your most kind message.

The thoughts and sympathy which surround her have greatly strengthened her Majesty.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVIA MULHOLLAND,
Lady-in-Waiting.

Miss Helena McLoughlin, S.R.N.

Election of President.

At the Meeting of Council held on December 10th, 1951, Miss D. de M. Warren D.N. (Lond.), subject to her consent, was unanimously elected President in place of Miss Helena McLoughlin, who, owing to ill-health, had resigned.

After consultation with Miss Warren, her intimation accepting the Presidency as from June, 1952, was seconded, and on rising she was warmly welcomed with acclamation.

Miss Warren on accepting the Presidency expressed herself very honoured and very grateful to the Council for the confidence they had placed in her—and hoped to be able to repay their trust by adequately carrying on the traditions of the college.

In welcoming Miss B. Cooper, S.R.N. and Miss B. West to their first meeting of the Council, the Chairman looked forward to their co-operation in the conduct of College affairs.

In reporting the letter of acknowledgment received from the Chancellor of the Exchequer, of the Resolution *re* House-keeper Allowance, regret was expressed that in the Budget this had not been granted, although it was agreed that the reduction in Income Tax and increase of Pensions was a step in the right direction under very difficult circumstances.

Correspondence.

A letter was reported from Miss I. Hutton, M.B.E., B.A., D.N. (Lond.), expressing thanks for congratulation sent from the Council on her award in the New Year Honours. She is now about to return to her very important post in the Gold Coast, and has the warm wishes of her colleagues for her continued success.

In connection with a communication received from Miss Pearl Morrison, F.B.C.N., the Council looks forward to her visit to London this summer with much pleasure.

Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications for membership were received and all were elected.

Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement to March 19th was presented and adopted.

History of Nursing Section.

It was reported that many requests to visit the History of Nursing Section of the College has been met. The Meeting then terminated.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD. had the pleasure of entertaining, on March 6th, members of the St. Albans' Branch of the Mothers' Union from Westcliff on Sea.

The *raison d'être* for their visit to London was to attend a Service in the Mothers' Own Chapel at the Mary Sumner House in Westminster.

This charming little Chapel possesses some very fine windows, donated by members and their friends, and dedicated to the memory of members of the Union and their relatives who gave their lives during World War II.

Much admiration was expressed for the beautiful banner and paintings, the handiwork of the late revered President of the Mothers' Union.

Having explored the facilities available to members at their headquarters the party, under the able guidance of Mrs. Thomas Barber, journeyed on to the British College of Nurses, Ltd., where an enjoyable tea awaited them, and where they were shown relics from the History of Nursing Collection, and learnt something of the life and work of Florence Nightingale and Ethel Gordon Fenwick, two brilliant nurses who, each in her own way, sought to raise the profession of Nursing to even greater heights of service to humanity.

A Tribute to Jessie Holmes, S.R.N., on Her 85th Birthday.

Come, Calliope, flood my pen
With words of admiration, thus to extol
A worthy warrior who, upon retiring
From the bustle of a world gone mad,
Now seeks a refuge in the quiet waters of a peaceful mind.
Evening is hers, and with it, memories of a happy life of
service
Given unstintingly to all who came her way.
The material riches of our puny world—
Which moils and groils for gold,
And oft contents itself with dross—
Are not for her. She sought for no reward
Except, perhaps, it be a smile from those she succoured,
And, in consequence, her life was filled with happiness from
giving ;
Giving of her very self in service to humanity ;
To the sick, those maimed in battle, and the halt ;
None was too lowly for her ministering hand.
And now, as quietly on a pain-wracked bed,
She overcomes that vile intruder to her peace
With such grand courage, born of such faith,
That only few possess, God grant her solace
And His certain balm, so she may long continue
To exemplify to us, the lesser ones,
Her courage, charm and fortitude.

A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE BRITISH
HOME FOR INCURABLES.

February, 1952, State Examinations.

AT THE FEBRUARY, 1952, State Examinations, candidates were successful as follows :—

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION :				
Parts I and II	..	..	..	1,803
Part I only	..	..	..	2,256
Part II only	..	..	..	2,391
				6,450
FINAL EXAMINATION :				
General	..	..	..	2,680
Male	231
Mental	252
Mental Defectives	59
Sick Children	161
Fever	72
				3,455

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