

The British College of Nurses, Ltd.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was held at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Wednesday, October 14th, 1953, at 2.30 p.m. The Vice-President, Miss M. Thurnham, F.B.C.N., was in the chair.

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

On opening the business of the meeting the Chairman reported that concerning the Resolution sent from Fellows and Members in Annual General Meeting assembled to H.M. The Queen, the following communications were received:—

(a) BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

The Private Secretary presents his compliments to the Honorary Secretary, The British College of Nurses, Limited and begs to inform her that the Resolution forwarded by her on the occasion of The Queen's Coronation has been sent to the Secretary of State, Home Office, for submission to Her Majesty.

10th July, 1953.

(b) HOME OFFICE,
Whitehall,
20th July, 1953.

Madam,

I have had the honour to lay before The Queen the Loyal and Dutiful Address of the British College of Nurses Ltd., on the occasion of Her Majesty's Coronation, and I have it in Command from The Queen to convey to you Her Majesty's warm thanks for the expressions of loyalty and devotion which it contains.

I am, Madam,
Your Obedient Servant,
DAVID MAXWELL FIFE.

The Honorary Secretary,
British College of Nurses Ltd.

A colleague's congratulations and thanks come from Toronto:—

"First, congratulations on receipt of The Queen's Coronation Medal! How lovely to have it! Second, I do want to thank the President and Council of the College for the books received. I am now well set up in Coronation pictures and I am grateful; I have looked and read, read and looked!! and I have gone four times and watched it through twice each time. It is a real fairy story which will never grow old! How I would have enjoyed being in the Abbey. . . . However, I heard and saw far beyond expectations and I am grateful."

Another colleague from Australia says:—

"Many thanks indeed for the Coronation number of the *Illustrated London News*. What a marvellous procession! No wonder our papers were filled with letters of Australian visitors who saw it and all said it was worth the drenching they got to see how wonderful it all was; but no other country in the world could stage such pageantry; and I am sure it did our Premiers of the various States of Australia very much good, they have come back much broader in their views how Great Britain is rising above her troubles."

Further letters from members expressing admiration of the Coronation issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING and gratitude for all the work being done on behalf of Fellows and Members, among whom Miss A. J. Watts also adds her very warm support of the Resolution sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the request that a reduction of Income Tax—re Housekeeper Allowance—be extended to unmarried women.

In a considerable amount of correspondence, letters asking for professional advice, concerning financial and other professional difficulties were considered and dealt with.

Concerning the conditions pertaining to Third Party Insurance to which the Council has agreed that for the information of Fellows and Members of the College the following be published in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING:—

Legal Liabilities and Third Party Insurance.

Instructions to be observed by all members to secure the Protection of the Scheme.

1. Insurance is provided upon the terms of a policy taken out by the College.
2. The benefit of the Insurance shall apply to all members who are liable to pay the full annual subscription to the College and are not in arrear with their subscription.
3. A member shall give immediate notice in writing to the Hon. Secretary of the College of any accident or injury to persons or property caused by the member while she is in attendance on a patient.
4. Any writ, summons or notice served upon or sent to a member and any information as to any verbal notice of claim or proceedings must be communicated immediately to the College or—if the member is expressly so directed—direct to the Insurance Company. No Solicitors may be instructed without the prior consent of the Insurance Company.
5. The attention of members is called to the following condition in the Insurance Policy (the member being referred to as the Insured):—

The Insured shall give written notice to the Hon. Secretary of the College of injury or damage, causing or likely to give rise to a claim, as soon as possible, and in any event within seven days of the date of the claim coming to the knowledge of the Insured or of the Insured's representative for the time being. The Insured shall forward to the College or the Company as directed, immediately upon receipt thereof every written notice or information as to any verbal notice of claim and any writ, summons, notices or other documents served upon or sent to her in any proceedings before any Court or in any enquiry. The Insured shall use her best endeavours to preserve any damaged or defective or other appliances, plant or things which might prove necessary or useful by way of evidence in connection with any claim and so far as may be reasonably practicable no alteration or repair shall, without the consent of the Company, be made to any appliances or plant after any accident occurring in connection therewith until the Company shall have had an opportunity of inspecting the same. The Insured shall give all necessary information and assistance and forward all documents to enable the Company to investigate, settle or resist any claim as the Company may think fit.

6. The insurance provides indemnity briefly stated as follows:—

	Limit of Amount any one accident
A. Bodily injury	{ for which there is a legal responsibility caused by or through the negligence of the Insured during her professional duties .. £5,000
B. Damage to property	
C. Approved legal expenses in connection with A or B	No limit of Amount

7. If the College decides to discontinue the Scheme the benefits lapse and neither the Insurance Company nor the College would be under any liability to the members of the

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