

be summoned in London at an early date, to consider Mr. Stanley's Circular Letter, and take such action thereon as was considered desirable. The Matrons present were of opinion that as the scheme had been drafted without consultation with trained nurses in favour of the organization of their profession by Act of Parliament, that the whole case which affected them so intimately should be submitted to their consideration.

The meeting then terminated and tea was served, and animated and informal discussion took place until the meeting of the National Council was called to order.

ANNIE E. HULME,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

At a special meeting of the National Council of Trained Nurses, held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., at the conclusion of the Matrons' Council meeting on Friday, January 21st, the following resolution, proposed by the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was carried enthusiastically and unanimously:—

#### RESOLUTION.

"The National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland desires to place on record its ardent gratitude to the sailors and soldiers of the British Empire for the glorious valour with which they are defending human liberty against barbarism, and its conviction that victory is assured to the arms inspired by moral force.

"The National Council is also deeply sensible of the privilege enjoyed by many of its members in tending the sick and wounded in this sacred struggle, and thus, in helping to restore them to health, giving practical expression to their own patriotism."

The interesting reports of Miss Hulme and Miss Kent on the San Francisco Conference, and Miss Kent's delightful Lecture on their travels are unavoidably held over until next week.

### THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Winter General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was held in the Clinical Theatre at the hospital on Saturday last.

The President, Miss Cox Davies, R.R.C., was warmly applauded on entering the theatre, and before the minutes were read Mrs. Lancelot Andrews said that it was her pleasant duty to offer to the President the heartiest congratulations

of the League on having gained a much coveted honour, and been awarded the Royal Red Cross. The League rejoiced that she had attained that coveted distinction; they rejoiced more because it was a tribute to work well done. Mrs. Andrews said that speaking as an old "dug out" she felt the "call of the wild" at this time and she thought of those in the heyday of life and energy, fully equipped with knowledge, giving faithful service in their everyday life. She offered them congratulation also; and she hugged the belief that such members of the League had helped to win Miss Cox-Davies' honour. In offering her its congratulations she echoed the proud and affectionate acclamations of all its 800 members.

Miss Cox Davies, in thanking Mrs. Andrews, said that she valued the congratulations of the League more than any she had had. There was one little bit in her speech with which she was in hearty accord. What had been awarded to her belonged to all. It was an honour to the hospital of which she was Principal Matron, and if it were possible to let out her Red Cross so that everyone might wear it in turn she would love to. It would have been absolutely impossible for the hospital to have won distinction, but for the two Matrons, and the Sisters, they had all been splendid. The work had often been dull and monotonous, but they had stuck to it and gone on without grumbles. She thanked those present for their congratulations and a hundred times more she thanked the members for their work through the year.

The President then moved from the Chair a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Miss Maude Buckingham. She had had a brilliant career, and her work in Birmingham was much valued. She died in harness as she would have wished, as the President of the League had died. The War Hospital of which she was Matron at the time of her death had been wonderfully organised and admirably worked. The motion was carried in silence, the members standing.

The next pleasant duty of the League was to congratulate the members who have been mentioned in despatches, and in the New Year's Honours List.

#### A FEW EXPERIENCES OF A P.M.

The League then had the pleasure of hearing from Miss E. M. Musson, R.R.C., Principal Matron of the First Southern General Hospital, who received an ovation as she stepped on to the platform, some account of Territorial Nursing in the Midlands or, as she preferred to say, she would tell the League a few experiences of a P.M.

The Midlands, said Miss Musson, were a vague place, no one quite knew where they began or ended, but at any rate Birmingham was the capital, and the first Southern General Hospital was located in its New University. She graphically described the mobilisation of the Nursing Staff who reported for duty on August 12th, 1914, and the conversion of a building, much of which was filled with enormous machinery, into an up-to-date hospital. She was sorry for professors who were away on

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