

**BIRTH.**

Friends of Mrs. Lambert, of Fairfield House, Newlands, Lincoln, will be pleased to learn a little daughter has been born to her. Mrs. Lambert, who, previous to her marriage to Dr. Lambert was Miss Henrietta Ward, has many friends in the R.B.N.A., who send her good wishes and congratulations.

**MOVEMENTS OF MEMBERS.**

We learn that Miss May Noble is shortly to leave for East Africa to become the joint Matron of a nursing home. Miss Noble was trained at Charing Cross Hospital. We send her all good wishes for her venture.

**DONATIONS.****THE HELENA BENEVOLENT FUND.**

The Treasurer acknowledges with thanks the following donations:—

Misses Bickerton, Bird, Bratton, Neighbour, and Tait, 5s.; Misses Cowle and Stephenson, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Hinckley and the Misses Colver, Dorrell, Elsey, Riches and Sayle, 2s.; Misses Chesham, Colville, and Lemon, 1s.

**PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES.**

"The nation's fan is in its hand; conditions inimical to health will, one after the other, be swept away, and it will not rest content until all 'old shapes of foul disease' have been exorcised and England has become as healthy as she is free."  
—*Sir Malcolm Morris.*

**CORRESPONDENCE.****THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND HOMES FOR WAIFS AND STRAYS.**

To the Secretary R.B.N.A.

Old Town Hall,  
Kennington, S.E.,  
July 15th, 1920.

DEAR MADAM,—May I be allowed on behalf of the Executive Committee to express our sincere thanks to you for the collection which you have so kindly made on the Society's behalf. I realise how much its success was due to your splendid work and self-sacrificing efforts. I would ask you to convey to your helpers our best thanks for their valuable assistance under most trying circumstances. Your help in these difficult times has been a great encouragement to us.

Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) W. FOWELL SWANN.

Miss I. Macdonald,  
10, Orchard Street, W. 1.

The above was received in acknowledgment of the work of our members in connection with the Flag Day for the Waifs and Strays Society.

(Signed) ISABEL MACDONALD,  
Secretary to the Corporation.

10 Orchard St., London, W. 1.

**THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.**

The seventh meeting of the General Nursing Council (the first to which the Press have been admitted) was held at the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W., on Friday, July 30th, Mr. J. C. Priestley, K.C., in the chair.

The Chairman read a letter addressed to the Registrar from Mr. L. V. Brock, stating that he was directed by the Minister of Health to acquaint her, for the information of the General Nursing Council, that he had received an application from certain Poor Law Authorities for permission to admit probationers at an earlier age than 21. The Minister would be glad to have the advantage of the opinion of the General Nursing Council as to whether in their view it was desirable that the training of probationers should commence before 21, and if so at what age it might properly be begun, and what, if any, special safeguards were required. If the Council had not yet considered the Rules to be framed under Section 3 (2) (a) and (b) of the Nurses' Registration Act he would like to know at what age the Council proposed to admit Nurses to the Register.

The Chairman said that it was considered by some inexpedient to admit girls with no knowledge of the world to hospitals, for training, at the age of 18; were girls when they left school at that age physically and morally strong enough to begin training?

It was for the Council to decide whether an answer should be sent to the letter that day or later.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK proposed that the communication should be referred to the Education Committee for consideration, and this was carried.

The Chairman then said there was a further letter from the Minister of Health transmitting a letter from the Ministry of Labour in regard to the provisions of the Hours of Employment Bill, as they affected nurses. The Minister would be glad if the Council would consider the scheme submitted by the College of Nursing, not only with reference to the Scheme itself, but generally with reference to the nursing profession in all its branches. The Minister of Labour had asked for observations, from the Royal British Nurses' Association, the National Union of Trained Nurses, the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, the Nurses' Co-operation, and the British Hospitals Association.

The proposal of the College of Nursing was that all Registered Nurses except Maternity Nurses should be included in the Bill, and that their time on duty should not extend to more than 56 hours a week, or exceed 10 hours in the 24 in any one day.

It was agreed that the letters of the Minister of Health should be circulated so that the Members of the Council might have an opportunity of considering them.

The Chairman presumed, in reply to a question, that the replies received by the Ministry of Health from the Associations above mentioned would be available for the consideration of the Council.

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