

REGISTERED NURSES PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

The following letters of thanks and gratitude have been addressed by the President of the Registered Nurses Parliamentary Council to the Right Hon. Sir Alfred Mond, Bart., M.P., Minister of Health, and to the Right Hon. Christopher Addison, P.C., M.D., M.P., who, during his tenure of office at the Ministry of Health, carried the Nurses' Registration Act through Parliament as a Government Measure:—

431, Oxford Street,
London, W.1.

July 15th, 1921.

To the Right Hon. Sir Alfred Mond, Bart., M.P.,
Minister of Health.

SIR,—The Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council has learnt with much satisfaction that the Rules framed by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, for the admission of Existing and Intermediate Nurses to the State Register to be set up under the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, have now received your signature, and that the Register will be opened forthwith.

We realise that this is the consummation of the work and hopes of thousands of nurses associated together in the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, which was reconstituted as the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council on the passing of the Act, and desire to express to you our sincere thanks for approving and signing the Rules.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
ETHEL G. FENWICK, *President*.

DEAR DR. ADDISON,—The Rules framed by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, for the Registration of Existing and Intermediate Nurses having been signed yesterday by the Minister of Health, I hasten to convey to you the sincere thanks of the Members of this Council, as we do not forget that you carried through Parliament the Act on which these Rules are based, thus constituting the Profession of Nursing on a legal basis, and providing for the protection of the sick.

The far-reaching benefit of the Act will only be appreciated by the community as a whole when the Rules have come fully into effect.

With kindest regards,

I remain, dear Dr. Addison,
Yours faithfully,
ETHEL G. FENWICK, *President*.

To the Right Hon.
Christopher Addison, P.C., M.P., M.D.

Offices of the Cabinet,
2, Whitehall Gardens, S.W.1.
July 16th, 1921.

DEAR MADAM,—I am desired by Dr. Addison to thank you for your letter of July 15th with reference to the establishment of the Nursing Council.

Dr. Addison is naturally gratified to hear that the result of his efforts in this direction have now been finally crowned with success, and wishes me to convey his thanks to you for the sentiments which you have so generously expressed.

Yours faithfully,
M. WHITE, *Private Secretary*.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick,
20, Upper Wimpole Street, W.1.

"OPPRESSED—UNDERTAKE FOR ME."

Author of good and Giver, lend, Thine ear
In this our needy time, lest it befall
Thine handiwork to crown the fruitful year
Lies waste, without Thy blessing over all.

Though He delay, and tho' the time seems long
To those of us who think on wilted sheaf,
On streams that creep bereft of rippling song,
On sorry roses knit to brittle leaf

He will arise and heed! "To what?" you say—
Just this at last—the sound, on parching sod,
Soft padding thro' the dust, night after day,
Of famished beasts, "These seek their meat from God."

C. B. M.

July 19th.

A SYMPATHISER WITH MODERN NURSING.

We are anxious to express our regret that in our short report of the interesting ceremony at the North Middlesex Hospital last week our representative omitted to mention that amongst those who took a leading part in the ceremony was the Medical Superintendent and Surgical Director, Colonel Spencer Mort, M.D., to whose fine work during the war General Blenkinsopp alluded. Nurses owe Colonel Spencer Mort sincere gratitude for the keen interest he takes in their work and status, and it was quite recently that he was specially invited to attend the Opening Ceremony of the Headquarters of the General Nursing Council by Princess Christian, at 12, York Gate, N.W., and gave the Council much pleasure by being present. The list of important persons present at the Memorial Ceremony at Edmonton was by no means an exhaustive one, but amongst them was Mr. E. Ridley, the Clerk to the Guardians, and the unavoidable absence of Mr. E. Metivier, the Chairman of the Hospital, was generally regretted.

THE GREEK NURSING UNIT.

Those like ourselves with warm Hellenic sympathies are thankful to note from the meagre Press reports that the Greeks are driving back the Turkish forces in Asia Minor, and that they have cut railway communication between Angora and Ismid. Alas! they admit to severe losses in driving the Turkish Nationalists from their trenches, which means that our Sisters working at Smyrna and Athens will be called upon for the devoted service they are only too anxious to render to the sick and wounded. In the 1897 war we nursed the wounded enemy prisoners when captured, and in these more enlightened days the same humanitarian spirit will surely prevail.

There are great rejoicings in Athens over the fall of Kutahia.

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