

nificance of it all, but in these soaring notes that seemed to rise and lose themselves in the skies we found somehow the interpretation of our feelings, as there, in the sanctuary hallowed by the memories of a noble Order, we paid our last homage to the First President of our Royal Corporation of Nurses.

Then, through an avenue of flowers, we passed to the spot where, under her standard, lay the deserted dwelling place of the great spirit to which our thoughts had mounted in that soaring Reveille. Silently we passed through the choir again and under the lovely arches to where the towers of the Castle stood over many a gem of mediæval architecture, then down the Broad Walk, and through the Castle gates into the life of the world again, feeling that the holiness and simple majesty of the ceremony we had witnessed had, for an instant, lifted the curtain between us and the eternal, had initiated our hearts a little further into the unspeakable glory of that world for which the senses have dimmed our vision.

THE WREATHS SENT BY THE R.B.N.A.

As so many members spontaneously sent us subscriptions for the wreath which they knew would be sent from the Corporation, we feel that it is due to them to insert a photograph in the Official Organ. The name of the Association was picked out in purple static on a ground of white stock and, as many nurses had named the flowers which they thought might be used, the mass of white flowers was composed of lilies, carnations, stephanotis, roses, asparagus fern, spring dry, lilies of the valley, and rosemary. The beautiful wreath of the Australian Branch was of pink carnations, ranunculus, large white lilies, and the foliage of the wattle.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., on Thursday, June 21st, the following correspondence was read:—

Letter from Her Highness, Princess Helena Victoria.

78, Pall Mall, S.W.1,

DEAR MR. PATERSON,— June 19, 1923.

Would you kindly convey to the Council and Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association my sister's and my own most sincere thanks for the kind message of sympathy sent by them at this time of our great sorrow?

We value most especially their testimony of appreciation to the lifelong and never-ceasing interest which my mother took in the welfare of the nurses, to which she gave so much time and thought.

Yours sincerely,

HELENA VICTORIA.

Letter from Lord Stamfordham.

Buckingham Palace,

DEAR SIR,— 15th June, 1923.

I have received and laid before the King and Queen the Resolution passed at a Special Meeting of the Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association on June 11th, recording their deep sense of

the loss which the Association has sustained by the death of Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, their President.

I am commanded to convey the King and Queen's thanks for this communication, and also Their Majesties' appreciation of the kindly words of sympathy in their personal sorrow to which it gives expression.

Yours very faithfully,

STAMFORDHAM.

H. J. Paterson, Esq., C.B.E., F.R.C.S.,
Medical Honorary Secretary.

Scottish Nurses' Association.

The following Resolution has been forwarded to us from the Scottish Nurses' Association:—

Glasgow,

12th June, 1923.

The Scottish Nurses' Association, affiliated as it is with the Royal British Nurses' Association, hopes that there may be placed on the record of that Association the deep sympathy of Scottish Nurses with the parent body in the loss they have sustained by the death of their Royal President, their appreciation of all Her Royal Highness did for British Nurses, and their desire to be associated with the Royal British Nurses' Association in their expression of deep sorrow.

On behalf of the Scottish Nurses' Association.

(Signed) J. MCGREGOR-ROBERTSON, *President*.
CHRISTIAN H. McARA, *Secretary*.

The following reply has been sent from the R.B.N.A.:—

DEAR DR. MCGREGOR ROBERTSON,—At a meeting, held yesterday, my Executive Committee received your letter of the 12th inst., conveying the Resolution of the Scottish Nurses' Association with its most kind expression of sympathy with this Corporation in the irreparable loss which it has sustained through the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian.

I am instructed to ask you to convey to your Association the sincere thanks of my Executive Committee, and to say that we greatly value the sympathy of the Scottish Nurses' Association. Its participation in our sorrow is, to my Committee, a new evidence of the friendship of the Scottish Nurses' Association—a friendship which the members of the Royal British Nurses' Association very greatly prize.

I am to thank you personally for your part in passing such a kind Resolution.

I am, yours very truly,

ISABEL MACDONALD, *Secretary*.

MISS CATTELL AT HOME.

Miss Cattell's "At Home" on June 7th was a great success, and to judge by the numbers who found their way to Queen's Gate on that afternoon she must be a very popular lady indeed. Everyone appeared to enjoy the delightful tea and ices which she had provided. Old acquaintanceships were renewed, and all the guests expressed their appreciation of a thoroughly delightful afternoon.

ISABEL MACDONALD,

Secretary to the Corporation.

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