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## CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS HUXLEY.

The following letter was forwarded by Her Royal Highness the President, on behalf of the Association, to Miss Huxley, on the occasion when the latter received the Hon. Degree of Master of Arts of Dublin University:—

DEAR MISS HUXLEY,—I have heard with very sincere pleasure of the decision of the Senate of the University of Dublin to confer upon you its Hon. Degree of Master of Arts. I wish to convey to you my own congratulations and the congratulations of the Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association. We all feel that this decision of the University shows the appreciation with which your splendid educational, scientific and administrative attainments are recognised in Ireland. But not only that—by thus recognising your work, particularly in its educational aspects, the University is giving encouragement to all Members of the Profession of Nursing to emulate the enthusiasm and achievements of the great pioneers, of that profession, of whom you yourself stand among the most notable.

With warm admiration and congratulations,  
I am,

Yours sincerely,  
ALEXANDRA,  
*President of the Corporation.*

## THE WRIGHT-KINGSFORD HOME.

We have just received the Annual Report of the Wright-Kingsford Home for Children, and it gives ample evidence that the work of its two splendid Nurse Pioneers is bearing fruit. Not only is it apparent that it is turning out young people who are equipped for good citizenship, but the Home itself is enlarging its borders. Where once there stood the old house with its cottage, barn, and stables there is a whole range of well-designed buildings equipped for a family of a hundred children. The whole Report gives evidence of a great deal of energy on the part of those responsible for the administration.

The Summer Fête held on Saturday, 23rd June, in the grounds of the Home was a great success. Sir C. Batho, Lord Mayor of London, and many of those interested in the Wright-Kingsford Home, were present in the beautifully decorated marquee. The Lord Mayor made a very eloquent speech, and so also did Major Cadogan, after which a march past of more than a hundred children, at present resident in the Home, took place—fatherless little children who, but for the Wright-Kingsford Home, would have had little chance perhaps, either morally or physically, of becoming ready for life's battle.

## DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON THE TRAINING AND SUPPLY OF MIDWIVES.

The following letter was sent to the Minister of Health in connection with the Committee, which he has set up to consider the working of the Midwives Act, 1902-1926:—

Royal British Nurses' Association,  
194, Queen's Gate, London.

19th June, 1928.

The Right Hon. the Minister of Health,  
Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

Sir,—

At a Meeting of my Executive Committee held on Friday, 13th instant, the following Resolution was passed:—

"That this Committee desires to enter a strong protest against the action of the Ministry of Health in deciding not to appoint a representative of the Registered Nurses of England and Wales on the Departmental Committee which is to consider the working of the Midwives Acts, 1902-1926."

The Committee are of opinion that, as large numbers of Registered Nurses are also practising midwives, and as many are engaged in branches of Public Health Work which bear close and active relationship to the Health of Mothers and Infants, a Representative of the Registered Nurses should have been appointed to a seat on the aforementioned Committee, to participate in any decisions reached and in the preparation of recommendations to be made to the Minister of Health.

The Committee venture to hope that it may still be possible to make the suggested appointment.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ISABEL MACDONALD,

*Secretary.*

To this letter we have received no reply beyond an acknowledgment of its receipt. On 30th June we received a letter conveying an invitation to the Association from Sir Robert Bolam, Chairman of the Departmental Committee, to give evidence before that Committee and suggesting that the Association should prepare a statement for circulation to the Members of that Committee. As the Departmental Committee proposes, when it sits, to go into the consideration of matters, such as periods of training and curriculum, available facilities for teaching both theoretical and practical subjects, qualifications which a teacher of midwifery should possess, post certificate training, how conditions of service can be made attractive to well educated and well trained women, maternity nursing, the chances of placing that branch of nursing on a more satisfactory footing, and so on, it appeared to the Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association that the Departmental Committee was not properly equipped for the work in hand unless the great body of Registered Nurses in England

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