

Family," had been duly honoured, the Chairman Matron-in-Chief, who on rising, was greeted with prolonged applause, read out a very gracious message from H.R.H. Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles, G.B.E., the President of the Nursing Service; and Lieut.-General Sir Mathew Fell, K.C.B., C.M.G., K.H.P.; also telegrams from members of the Nursing Service at overseas stations and past members unavoidably prevented from being present. In a short speech she summarised the outstanding features in the progress and expansion of the Service from its inception in 1918 to the present date.

In welcoming the guests the Matron-in-Chief expressed very great pleasure, on behalf of the Nursing Service and on her own, at the presence of Lady Trenchard, of past and present members of the Nursing Service, and of the representatives of the Chaplain's and Medical branches of the Royal Air Force.

She requested Lady Trenchard to convey a message to the Marshal of the Air, Sir Hugh Trenchard, of the pride which was theirs at having the honour and privilege to serve the Royal Air Force, and their desire to endeavour to continue to serve it loyally, faithfully and well.

Lady Trenchard, in a charming and witty speech, delighted everyone with her reminiscences of nursing experiences during the war. She conveyed a very kind and inspiring message from the Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir Hugh Trenchard, Bart., G.C.B., D.S.O.

The toast of "Our Guests" was proposed by Miss Welch, R.R.C., the Senior Matron P.M., R.A.F., N.S.

In response to the toast of "The Royal Air Force," Air Vice-Marshal Munro, C.B., C.I.E., K.H.S., said that he was one of those fortunate beings who had "banked his future on air," when so to speak it was very much "in the air," especially during the dark days of 1918-1919. The esprit de corps and efficiency of the Royal Air Force was truly marvellous, and mostly due to the leadership of the Marshal of the Air, Sir Hugh Trenchard (loud applause). Referring to the Nursing Branch of the Service, he was in the happy position, as Director of Medical Services, of being the person capable of testifying to its efficiency without being modest in his praise. He wished to take this opportunity of expressing his admiration for the great qualities and loyal enthusiasm of the Matron-in-Chief, and desired to couple her name and that of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service with that of the toast, which was enthusiastically received, and cordially acknowledged by the Matron-in-Chief.

The tenth annual dinner of the Urgency Cases Hospital (Bar-le-Duc—Revigny, 1915-1918) will take place on Saturday, 20th October, 1928, at Canuto's Restaurant, 88, Baker Street, London, W.1 (entrance in Paddington Street), at 6.45 for 7 o'clock.

The party will adjourn at 9 o'clock to 1A, Portman Mansions, where Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth will also be very happy to see any member of the staff who is unable to be present at the dinner.

Dinner tickets at 7s. 6d. (exclusive of wine) can be obtained from Mr. A. H. Lloyd, 28, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

The twenty-fifth meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W., on Saturday, September 8th, at 2 p.m. The President (Mrs. Bedford Fenwick) was in the chair, and the following members of the Council were present: Miss M. Breay and Miss S. A. Villiers, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Andrews, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C.; Miss D. K. Graham, Miss I. Macdonald, Fellows; and Miss E. J. Haswell and Miss K. Latham, R.R.C., Members.

Prayers having been read by the Secretary, Miss G. R. Hale, R.R.C., the Minutes were read and confirmed.

Business arising out of the Minutes.

It was agreed that initials and surname should be inscribed at the back of Badges, together with F for Fellow and M for Member, and Roll number. Badges had now been delivered, and many were being applied for.

Correspondence.

The following letters were considered:—

1. From Lady Grigg, in reply to enquiries concerning conditions and rules for nurses on the "East African Nursing Association," at Nairobi, in Kenya Colony.

2. From Miss Itta Frascara, enclosing programme of an interesting excursion in the North of Italy for six days after the Congress in Rome, and offering four places to Members of the College.

Mrs. Andrews wished to go, and it was arranged other members should be given the opportunity in Rome.

3. Letter from Miss Gertrude Hodgman, U.S.A., expressing appreciation of hospitality, and of the arrangements of the College, and kindly consenting, with Miss Jean Browne, to place ideas for the Congress at Montreal before the proper authorities.

4. From Miss E. L. Macaulay, expressing appreciation of condolences on their recent bereavement from her family in Ireland.

5. Letter from Miss Jean I. Gunn, Chairman, Committee on Revision of Constitution and Bye-laws of the International Council of Nurses. The President informed the Council that, before the Annual Meeting in November, she, as President of the National Council, would invite the Executive to consider the existing Constitution of the International and make such recommendations as might be considered necessary.

Thanks for Diplomas.

Miss A. Simpkin, U.M.C.A., Likoma, Nyasaland, writes: "My Diploma has arrived in good condition, and I am very glad to be a Foundation Fellow of the College; it stands for all which our revered Isla Stewart held dear. May I give a small token to be used in the Council Room? The ivory (of a beautiful paper-cutter enclosed) is of this country, and the carving was done by a very simple Central African, who lives on the shores of our beautiful lake. I am coming on furlough this year, and shall very quickly come to the College when I arrive in London."

Miss Christina G. McLean, Bedford Park Sanatorium,

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