

the Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain, M.P. To this enquiry so far no reply had been received.

The President reminded the Council that under the present law any inexperienced magistrate can condemn offenders to hard labour who were suffering from post-encephalitis lethargica, and that it was high time fresh legislation should be enacted to prevent this miscarriage of justice being possible.

4. Letters from Fellows wishing for legal help were considered and dealt with.

Laurels for Wolfe and Montcalm Monument at Quebec.

5. Copy of Letter of Introduction from Mr. L. J. Lemieux, the Agent-General for Quebec, to the Mayor of Quebec, handed to Miss I. M. G. Davy, informing him that a delegation from the British College of Nurses is visiting Quebec, and are desirous, during their visit, to place a wreath of laurels at the foot of the Wolfe and Montcalm monument, and stating "whatever service or courtesy you can render them in this connection will be highly appreciated by this Office."

It was agreed to convey to Mr. L. J. Lemieux the sincere thanks of the Council for his great kindness and courtesy in this connection.

6. Letter from Miss Margaret M. Walsh, F.B.C.N., from Adelaide, who at the last moment had secured a passage on the *Alumina* to attend the Congress at Montreal, "Hoping it will be to me educational in the service of the sick, especially in far distant Australia."

7. Letter from a Member expressing the wish that the Council could take up the subject of the sleeping conditions for nurses working in Nursing Homes, as apparently few provide a single bedroom and privacy for nurses, and expressing the opinion that "after such fine quarters with a really nice room each in their probation days, it is hard after they are trained that Nurses should have to go backwards in conditions."

The Member had been advised that the London County Council was now responsible for the hygienic condition of Nursing Homes, The Council of the College is fully alive to the necessity for privacy for nurses when off duty, wherever it can be procured—at present it was an economic question—as space is so limited in London.

8. Letter from a Fellow wishing that something could be done towards procuring the Registration of existing Health Visitors—"it seems to me a crying need for those who, like myself, are engaged in Public Health work." The Council were of opinion that the standard for State Registration should be compulsory for Health Visitors, so that semi-trained Health Visitors still recognised by the Ministry of Health should cease to be employed.

9. Letter from Miss Ida M. Stainton, who is unable to continue nursing at present, would be pleased to show her originally designed raffia hats, which are on sale, 12/11 and 15/6, at Flat 3, 57, Fitzjohns Avenue, Hampstead.

Applications for Grants for Training.

Four applications for the Sister Tutor's Grant of £50 were referred for the consideration of the Education Committee.

Three applications for Grants for Training in Midwifery, were referred for the consideration of the Education Committee.

Thanks for Sister Tutor's Grants.

Letters of thanks from Miss M. D. Ball and Miss M. M. P. Siggers, for Sister Tutor's Grants, informing the Council that they had both passed their examinations and obtained the Sister Tutor's Diploma of King's College for Women.

Miss Ball writes: "It has been a most interesting and valuable time and I would urge all who are anxious to get a scientific basis for their teaching to go to King's College and obtain the Diploma."

Midwifery Grants.

Letter from Miss Lily Mutton informing the Council "she had 'satisfied the examiners' and is now a fully qualified midwife! Such a relief to know the terrible ordeal is over."

Free Passage to Montreal.

Letter of sincere gratitude from Miss Amy Phipps who writes: "It is difficult for me to convey the depth of my gratitude for the generosity which has made possible my visit (which includes hospitality) to the Congress and to Canada."

Thanks for Financial Help.

A member writes: "I am deeply grateful for the help. It is a great surprise to me after telling you I am working now."

Thanks for Diplomas.

A large number of letters were received of thanks for Diplomas, which apparently are greatly admired and appreciated.

Mental Hospital Matrons' Association.

From the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association Miss Mary Sewart, the Hon. Secretary, writes: "At the meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association held on Saturday last, I was instructed to draw your attention to the resolution which was unanimously passed in December 1927, viz., 'that this Association should support the Examinations of the General Nursing Council as the one portal Examination for State Registration.' We should be grateful if you would give us your support and so use your influence to obtain this end for Mental Nurses."

The President reminded the Association that the Council of the British College of Nurses had taken active measures to oppose the proposal of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, that its Examination should entitle Mental Nurses to be placed on the State Register of Nurses maintained by the General Nursing Council under the Nurses Registration Act, and it was agreed that if necessary they would continue to do so.

Women and the League of Nations.

A communication from the Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations, inviting the Council to support an Appeal which they intend to send to the Council of the League of Nations, "for provision for the more active participation of women in the League of Nations, as there appears to be no intention to permit women to take that active and personal part in framing the policy and carrying out the

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