

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Miss H. L. Pearse, the Hon. Secretary of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, has received the following letters, in acknowledgment of the resolutions sent to them by the Annual Meeting of the National Council, from the Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, and Miss Nina D. Gage, R.N., M.A., past President of the International Council of Nurses.

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, CANADA.
Ottawa, January 7, 1930.

Miss Helen L. Pearse, S.R.N.,
Honorary Secretary,

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

DEAR MADAM.—I am directed by the Prime Minister to acknowledge your letter of the 12th December, with enclosed copy of a resolution of thanks, passed at a meeting of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain on November the 28th.

Mr. King asks me to say how much he appreciates the kind thoughtfulness of the members of your Association in having passed this resolution. Needless to say, Mr. King enjoyed meeting the nurses of Great Britain quite as much as they enjoyed meeting him.

Yours faithfully,
HARRY BALDWIN, Secretary.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF NURSING EDUCATION.
Headquarters:
370, Seventh Avenue,
New York, N.Y.
December 27th, 1929.

Miss Helen Pearse, Hon. Secretary,
National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

DEAR MISS PEARSE.—Through you may I thank the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain for the very kind resolution proposed by Miss A. Lloyd Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., and passed by the Council at their annual meeting? It is entirely too good of them to thank me for doing my duty, a duty made so much easier and pleasanter for me by the co-operation, willing helpfulness, and friendliness of everyone throughout the four years of the term of my presidency of the International Council of Nurses. The wonderful organisation of the Canadian nurses made the Congress run so smoothly that my own work at Montreal was greatly simplified. Nevertheless, I appreciate most deeply this renewed proof of the constant support of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and shall hope to continue working with them through the International Council of Nurses for the improvement of nursing in the world.

May I thank you personally for forwarding the resolution to me?

With most cordial greetings of the season and best wishes for the New Year for both you and the Council, believe me,

Always faithfully yours,
NINA D. GAGE.

Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, begs to remind its Affiliated Associations that the *per capita* fees prescribed by the International Council of Nurses, for the half-year ending June 30th, 1930, are now due. She will be glad to receive them in due course for transmission to the Treasurer of the I.C.N.

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The Annual Meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland will be held on Wednesday, February 19th, 1930, at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, at 3 o'clock. It is hoped that as many as possible will make it convenient to attend.

ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL MATRONS.

The following letter has been sent by the Association of Hospital Matrons to several Members of Parliament respecting the Mental Trained Nurses' Registration question.

Re Registration of Mental Trained Nurses.

DEAR ———.—In view of the notice which has been given, to introduce into Parliament a Private Member's Bill to enable Nurses holding the certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association to be registered upon the Supplementary Part of the Register for Mental Trained Nurses, without further examination—the Committee of the Association of Hospital Matrons think it desirable to bring the following facts to your notice:—

At a General Meeting of the Association held April 27th, 1929, the Members had before them letters from the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association in which they asked for our support in securing the continuity of the General Nursing Council Examinations as the qualification for admission to the State Register for Mental Trained Nurses. The matter was carefully considered, with the result that THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLE WAS LAID DOWN and unanimously agreed to, namely:—

THAT the One-Portal Examination must be maintained, and THAT to substitute the Examination of a Voluntary Society for that of the Statutory Body would be to deprive the Mental Trained Nurses of the privileges enjoyed by all other branches of the profession.

I am instructed to send you this information and to ask you to be so good as to give your support to the principle here laid down.

I have the honour to remain,
Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd.) R. COX-DAVIES,
Hon. Secretary.

January 28th, 1930.

INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of members of the above Association will be held at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on Saturday, February 8th, at 3 p.m. Members hoping to attend are requested to notify the Hon. Secretary, Isolation Hospital, Palmers Green, N.13, not later than February 4th. Tea will be provided.

FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

LECTURE ON "THE SEQUELÆ OF ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA," BY T. R. HILL, Esq., M.D. (LOND.), M.R.C.P. (LOND.), ASSISTANT MEDICAL OFFICER, POST-ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA UNIT (METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS' BOARD).

Miss Bryson took the chair when Dr. T. R. Hill lectured before the Fever Nurses' Association at 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Wednesday, January 29th, on "Encephalitis Lethargica"; there was a very large attendance.

In commencing, Dr. Hill said it was necessary to bear in mind some of the main facts regarding Encephalitis Lethargica. This disease first became prevalent in 1916-17. Since 1924 there has been a great drop in its prevalence, and it has completely changed in character; insomnia, restlessness, spasms similar to chorea have taken the place

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