

No action taken.

(D) Town Clerk, Hammer-smith.	Committee regret unable to see its way to take action.
Town Clerk, Shoreditch.	Laid before Committee, no action taken in the matter.
Town Clerk, Nottingham.	Resolution laid before Committee, no action taken.
Town Clerk, Hackney.	Placed before Committee. Duties performed by mortuary attendant, not in favour of trained nurses.
Town Clerk, Portsmouth.	Placed before Committee, no action.
Town Clerk, Camberwell.	Placed before Committee, no action.
Town Clerk, Chelsea.	Placed before Committee, no action.

(E) *Acknowledgments.—Shall have attention.*

Town Clerk, Shoreditch; Town Clerk, Westminster; Town Clerk, Bridgwater; Town Clerk, Woolwich; Town Clerk, Gloucester; Town Clerk, Chester; Town Clerk, Deptford; Town Clerk, Greenwich; Town Clerk, Lambeth; Town Clerk, Peterborough; Mayor, Aldershot; Town Clerk, Guildford; Town Clerk, Aylesbury; Mayor, Wandsworth; Town Clerk, Bath; Town Clerk, Leeds.

(F) Miss G. Horton, Secretary, National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship.—The Union in favour of the appointment of Female Attendants in Public Mortuaries. Resolution to this effect has been sent to Minister of Health.

The Council decided to await further replies from Public Authorities on the matter, and to take further action to effect the reform at an early date.

Rate of Exchange in Australia.

In reply to enquiry, the Official Secretary and Financial Adviser, Australia House, W.C.2, stated that the present rate of exchange (£130); members in Australia have to pay £2 14s. 7d. and £1 7s. 3d., to remit in English currency subscriptions of £2 2s. 0d. and £1 1s. 0d., respectively.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1. The President notified a letter from Miss Elnora E. Thomson, President of the American Nurses' Association, now visiting London, and hoped members of Council would be able to take part in hospitality when offered to Miss Thomson, who had recently attended the meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses at Geneva.

2. Letter from Miss Jean D. Wilson, Editor of *The Canadian Nurse*, sending a valuable Report of "A Fiftieth Anniversary" of the School of Nurses, Toronto General Hospital, which was celebrated by a three-day reunion of the graduates. A full account of the ceremonies will appear in the August number of *The Canadian Nurse*.

The event was of special interest to the British College of Nurses, as the progress of the School was actively organised by Miss Agnes Snively, who began her work there in 1884, and was one of the Founder Councillors of the I.C.N., and its first Treasurer, also a Founder of the Canadian Nurses' Association.

Nursing Profession (Wages and Hours) Bill.

3. The following letter was received from Mr. A. Fenner Brockway:—

Miss Alice Stewart Bryson,
The British College of Nurses.

House of Commons,
17th July, 1931.

DEAR MADAM,

I have just seen in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for July that you reported to your Council that you had written to me

suggesting that a deputation might discuss the Nursing Profession (Wages and Hours) Bill with me, and that to this letter you had had no reply.

I write at once to express my regret for my seeming discourtesy. The explanation is that at the same time I received a letter from the College of Nursing asking me to meet their Parliamentary Committee and I confused the two. I met the Parliamentary Committee of the College of Nursing and did not realise you intended a separate deputation.

I should be very ready indeed to meet a deputation from your Council, but as there is no chance of my Bill going through this session, and it is my intention to introduce a Bill next session, I suggest that our discussion be postponed until later in the year. I want then, if possible, to secure a maximum agreement among organisations responsible to the nursing profession.

I should be glad if you will give publicity to this letter, as I am naturally anxious to remove a misunderstanding.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) A. FENNER BROCKWAY.

It was agreed to thank Mr. Brockway for his letter, and to express the approval of the Council that no further legislation would be promoted by him affecting the Nursing Profession without consultation with it.

Resolution from the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League.

4. The following Resolution was submitted from the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League:—

"The Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League, the oldest Nurses' League in the Provinces, with upwards of three hundred members, earnestly desires to bring to the notice of the College of Nursing, the British College of Nurses, and the Association of Hospital Matrons, the need of their co-operation in putting forward a Bill for regulating Wages, Hours, etc., obtaining in the Nursing Profession, in order to forestall the Bill suggested by the Labour Party, which obviously does not meet the present need of the large body of Nurses; but which will undoubtedly gain the support of the greater number of the unattached Nurses throughout the land, who have considered neither the details nor the consequences to the Profession in general of such a Bill.

(Signed) M. F. HUGHES, *President*.

G. A. ROGERS.

C. E. VINCENT.

JESSIE W. DAVIES, *Vice-President*.

The Royal Infirmary, Bradford, Nurses' League.

The following Resolution was submitted from the Bradford Royal Infirmary Nurses' League:—

"That the Bradford Infirmary Nurses' League, whilst in sympathy with every effort made to improve the conditions of working hours and salaries for nurses, prefer that these improvements should be brought about by their own great associations of trained nurses, which are always working in their interests, and have already done so much to better nursing conditions and pay, rather than by State legislation, which will reduce the status of the profession to that of a trade."

Miss Jessie Davies, President of the League, adds:—

"At this meeting I was requested to write to the four prominent Nursing Organisations: The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, the College of Nursing, the British College of Nurses, and the Royal British Nurses' Association, suggesting that these Societies should co-operate to convene a Conference at which every Nursing Society be represented, to discuss a united plan of action.

We feel that meetings of nurses would be of little value at the present juncture, and might even prove harmful, unless we have a definite policy to lay before them in regard to shorter hours and better pay.

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