

Association has been deeply interested, fearing that this action of the Government not only may react unfavourably on the dignity of the profession, but may ultimately influence the character of the student entering the schools of nursing. A bill which retains the nurse in this unfortunate position and which, in fact, reduces her entrance grade to No. 4 instead of No. 5 was introduced last year. The committees in Washington are watching the measure, which has so far been quiescent, and in all probability will remain so for this session.

Miss Gertrude Hodgman, Dean, School of Nursing, Peiping Union Medical College, Peiping, China, writes: "The School here is interested to have some photographs signed by the outstanding women in our profession, for our class rooms." We are honoured to be invited to contribute to this useful collection—and have pleasure in donating a photograph—to the land of "eggshell" china, and "rose back" "seven border" plates! Only a people of genius could have conceived and executed the art of China—the most delicate and exquisite in the world.

Miss Hodgman adds, "The nurses of China as yet have been unable to procure any governmental legislation in regard to the nursing profession. This is their ultimate goal, but under the circumstances of the very uncertain Government at the present time, I presume they may be better off as they are, governing their profession through their own nurses' organisation.

"A number of our graduates are hoping to be in Paris next year, at which time we hope very much to have the pleasure of meeting you again."

The Bomb Outrage in Shanghai in which prominent Japanese were injured during the Emperor's Birthday Review, proved once more the valour of members of our profession. The *Morning Post's* correspondent reports:

"For a few seconds terror reigned supreme, everyone expecting further bombs.

"Among the spectators were a number of Japanese nurses, who fought their way through the crowd and ripped the uniforms off the injured notables. Tearing their linen into strips, they applied tourniquets to both Mr. Shigemitsu's thighs to prevent him bleeding to death, and bandaged all the five injured men within fifteen minutes of the outrage.

"Without waiting for ambulances, they placed the injured men in private cars and had them driven to hospital. The Japanese troops acted amazingly quickly. Within ten minutes they had placed a cordon round an area a mile square, and no living person was able to get out without being subjected to careful search and questioning."

After the victims of the bomb outrage had been taken to hospital the Japanese troops found another bomb on the ground.

The Queen has expressed her willingness to receive the first of the new Service medals which have been issued by the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association (not the St. John Ambulance Association) and the British Red Cross Society to their members "for long and efficient service."

## THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The sixty-fifth Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, April 23rd, 1932, at 2.15 p.m. In the absence of the President, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Vice-President, was in the Chair, and there were present Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss E. Brodie, Miss N. Farrant, Miss D. K. Graham, Miss G. Le Geyt, Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., Fellows; Miss H. G. Ballard, Miss A. M. Bright and Miss E. J. Haswell, Members.

Prayers having been read by the Secretary, the Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.

Miss M. S. Cochrane, on rising said she much regretted to report the unavoidable absence of the President, and read the following message from her:—

DEAR MISS COCHRANE,

Please convey to the Council my regret at inability to be present at the Meeting.

I am going down to Worthing to see our dear Miss Breay, who is seriously ill after her attack of Influenza.

Yours very truly,

(signed) ETHEL G. FENWICK.

The latest news of Miss Breay's condition was reported—slightly better, though still very ill.

Miss Cochrane then proposed from the Chair that a message be sent to the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, conveying their great regret that she could not be present and expressing sympathy with her in her anxiety; that they all missed her inspiring influence and would endeavour to carry on as she would wish.

It was also proposed from the Chair that a letter be sent from the Council to convey to Miss Breay its warmest sympathy with her in this time of trial, how much they regretted her absence, and expressing very sincere wishes that she may be restored to health.

### BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

*Re the Necessity for Female Attendants in Public Mortuaries*:—A letter from the Town Clerk, Bath: "I beg to inform you that the Watch Committee at their last Meeting instructed the Chief Constable to engage the services of such Female Attendants as may be necessary when bodies of females are taken to Public Mortuary."

A letter from the Secretary, Cheltenham General and Eye Hospital: "My Board have agreed to obtain the services of a female attendant to deal with the above."

Letter from Dr. M. N. Kettle, Hon. Secretary, *Lancet* Commission on Nursing, stating that the communication from the combined Meeting of the British College of Nurses and the Royal British Nurses' Association held on April 5th would be placed before the Proprietors of *The Lancet*.

A letter from Mr. Allen Wyon expressing interest in the adoption of his design for the Isla Stewart Memorial Plaque as a book-plate for the Isla Stewart Library.

A letter from Miss S. A. Villiers, Hon. Secretary, The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, of thanks for donation of £5 to the funds of the National Council of Nurses, and notifying that there will be a Meeting of the Grand Council on Saturday, May 28th.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from Miss D. Snell re wreath sent by her from the College on the death of Miss G. B. Macvitie, F.B.C.N. It was agreed that the Council would defray the cost and that a letter be sent to Miss Snell, conveying sympathy with her in her serious illness, and thanking her for all she had done for Miss Macvitie. Letter from Miss M. Drakard, F.B.C.N., stating that she would retire from office as Matron of Plaistow Hospital, on April 18th, and sending her future

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