

VISCOUNT NOVAR OF RAITH AND NOVAR, P.C., K.T.,
G.C.M.G.

The President said, by the death of Viscount Novar, at Raith, on March 30th, the members of the Nursing Profession had lost a very sincere friend and advocate, to whom they owed a lasting debt of gratitude. Lord Novar, as Sir Ronald Munro-Ferguson, had courageously taken charge of the Nurses' Registration Bill in the House of Commons from 1905 to 1914, when opposition to the movement was active and intense, and his advocacy and that of his wife, Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson, had done much to attain the ultimate success of the movement in 1919.

A funeral wreath in sincere gratitude for Services rendered was sent from Registered Nurses grouped in the National Council of Nurses, and also from the Royal British Nurses' Association to Lady Novar, from whom the following letter had been received:

RAITH,
KIRKCALDY,
April 7th, 1934.

DEAR MADAM,—Please accept my most grateful thanks for the beautiful Wreath sent on behalf of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and for the recognition of Service given by Lord Novar to the Profession during its long struggle to secure registration,

Yours sincerely,
HELEN NOVAR.

To the President,
National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

MISS HELEN LUCY PEARSE, S.R.N.

The President said:—"The passing of Helen Pearse, a Director of the National Council, which took place after a short severe illness, on December 27th last, was deeply deplored by her colleagues. Generous and warm hearted, she was sincerely beloved by many friends throughout the nursing world. She had been prominent in all the great movements for the uplift of the Nursing Profession. An ardent registrationist, an enthusiastic supporter and organiser of the International Council of Nurses, at many of its meetings she had taken an active part, making lasting friendships amongst her colleagues in many parts of the world. She was laid to rest in the beautiful Churchyard of the Old Parish Church of St. Nicholas, at Stevenage. Our National Council sent a beautiful wreath composed of many of her favourite flowers, inscribed "With affectionate remembrance and gratitude."

The Members of the Committee then resumed their seats and proceeded with the business.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A large number of letters from those unable to attend were notified.

The following letters were read and action taken:—

1. From the Provisional Committee for the proposed Florence Nightingale International Foundation, notifying the five delegates of the National Council that a Meeting for the Inauguration of the Foundation will be held on July 5th next, at 15, Manchester Square, at 3 p.m., enclosing Agenda together with copies of the draft Trust Deed and the Rules and Regulations for the Foundation.

These documents have been forwarded to the five representatives of the National Council: Dame Anne Beadsmore Smith, D.B.E., R.R.C., Miss A. Lloyd-Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C. and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President N.C.N., and Chairman Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee, I.C.N.

The President reported very encouraging progress in the proposed organisation of the Foundation; twelve countries had already signified their wish to form National Committees, several of which were already in order.

LETTER FROM M^{lle}. CHAPTAL,
Association des Infirmières Diplômées de l'Etat Français,
13, Avenue de la Motte-Picquet,
Paris, 7e.
13 Janvier, 1934.

DEAR MISS VILLIERS,—I have duly received your letter of January 7th and I must thank you for the very kind messages that you have conveyed to me from the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

I must add that I am deeply grateful for the constant proofs of sympathy given to me on many occasions by the Nurses of Great Britain. THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING never misses an opportunity to express to the nurses of France those feelings of fraternity which go to reinforce the links already existing between our National Associations. Permit me to ask you to express to your President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and to all the members of your Council the most cordial thanks of our French Association.

Sincerely yours,
L. CHAPTAL, President.

Interchangeability of Pensions.

A letter was read from the County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association re the advisability of interchangeability of pensions. Miss Letitia Clark, President, urged the necessity for action. On the proposition of Miss Musson, seconded by Miss Dey, it was agreed to support the suggestion of this Council and approach the Ministry of Health on the matter.

Mass Demonstration in Favour of Peace.

A letter was considered from the President of the National Council of Women, inviting the Council to take part in a Mass Meeting at the Central Hall, Westminster, on Thursday May 10th, to give expression to the determination of the men and women of Great Britain, that the Peace of the World shall be secured, and to help with the guarantee fund.

Miss Villiers, a member of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Women, said that some of the branches were in favour of a demonstration of the women of England as an example to other countries.

During discussion all expressed a desire for peace, but as no Agenda of the proposed proceedings or names of speakers were before the meeting, and as apprehension was evidently felt by many of those present at the inadequate Defence Forces available in this country, it was agreed that no active part should be taken by the National Council of Nurses in this Demonstration.

TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION FROM:—

1. The League of Fever Nurses (Late Fever Nurses' Association).
2. Kent County Mental Hospital Nurses' League.
3. The League of Mental Hospital Nurses.

An Application Form duly inscribed was received from the League of Fever Nurses.

Name of President: Miss W. P. Solomon.
Name of Hon. Secretary: Miss M. Drakard.
Number of Members: 73.

The President stated that in the past an Association composed of Matrons and Nurses and Medical Superintendents in the Fever Hospitals, called the Fever Nurses' Association, had been active and done useful work for many years. They had helped to secure State Registration as a Supplementary Part of the State Register, after examination, and thereby the education of fever nurses had been greatly improved. Many Matrons of Infectious Hospitals, who are General Trained Nurses, now thought it would be advantageous to fever nurses if they had a League of Registered Fever Nurses (omitting physicians and surgeons and other persons) and were thus brought into touch with General Nurses. All the members of this

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