

of patients in receipt of Public Assistance and those under District Medical Officers, as well as those actually discharged from Municipal Hospitals. King Edward's Fund has also made contributions, and the sum to be divided between the Nursing Associations towards the cost of the home nursing of patients sent direct to District Nursing Associations by the voluntary hospitals is £2,000. Substantial grants and payments have also been made by public bodies, Borough Councils and others, and altogether from these sources the Nursing Branch of the Ranyard Mission received during 1934 £6,629 9s. 9d.

One sad event is recorded in the death of Nurse White. She stepped from behind a stationary vehicle to cross a road and was knocked down and killed instantly by a passing lorry. She had worked on the staff for 4½ years in Catford, and given herself unstintingly for her patients.

It is with great regret that we learn of the accident sustained by Miss Margaret Huxley, M.A., S.R.N., the revered and beloved leader of the nursing world in Ireland, who was knocked down and injured while crossing the road. At the time of writing she is still confined to her room, though, happily, no bones are broken as was at first feared, and she is making satisfactory progress. All members of the many associations with which Miss Huxley is so honourably connected as a pioneer member will sincerely wish her speedy and complete recovery.

The Nurses' Missionary League holds its thirty-second anniversary at University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C., on Friday, May 10th, just as we are ready for press. At the Morning Session, the Chairman is Miss J. Macfee, B.A., so long and intimately associated with the League as editor of its magazine, and at the Evening Session, E. P. Poulton, Esq., D.M., F.R.C.P. During this Session the Review of the Year is being presented by Miss H. Y. Richardson, the General Secretary, as well as the Annual Report, and a missionary address on "Power for Witness" will be given by Howard Guinness, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., from China. At the Afternoon Conversation Miss Wynne will speak on "Witnessing in Egypt" and Miss E. A. Rossiter (trained at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington) from Tai Yuanfu, China, will give an address on "Life in a Chinese Mission Hospital."

The Holiday Camp for Members of the Nursing Profession organised by the League will this year be held at Barmouth, N. Wales, and will be housed in the Marine Hotel, which stands a few yards from the shore, overlooking the Bay. All information may be obtained from Miss H. Y. Richardson, 135, Ebury Street, London, S.W.1.

There is no doubt that the Florence Nightingale International Students for 1934-1935 are rapid young people, and the Lantern Lecture given at the Cowdray Hall on May 8th entitled "Round the World in Eighty Minutes" is just the pace they are prepared to go.

The lecture was given to raise funds for the purchase of a Statuette of Florence Nightingale by Arthur G. Walker, R.A., so well known to us all, as a gift for Florence Nightingale International House. We hope it was a financial success.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The ninety-eighth meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held on Saturday, April 13th, at 2.30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and there were present: Miss I. Macdonald, Vice President, Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss F. M. Campbell, Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Fellows, and Miss H. G. Ballard and Miss E. F. Eburah, Members.

Prayers having been read, the Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed and signed.

Miss M. Breay, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., and Miss J. C. Cowie, intimated inability to attend.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

Letter from Miss S. Annison Thacker thanking the Council for their sympathetic letter in her recent sad bereavement, also returning her Sister's Diploma.

The President reported that the following letter had been sent to Captain A. S. Cunningham-Reid, D.F.C., M.P.:—

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES,
10th April, 1935.

DEAR SIR,

At a recent meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses, it had before it an appeal to sign the "Peace Ballot" in support of the League of Nations, issued by "The St. Marylebone Council for the National Declaration on the League of Nations and Armaments," and enclosing a copy of an Open Letter addressed to yourself as Member of Parliament for St. Marylebone, urging you to influence your constituents in support of its action.

I was directed to inform you that my Council disapproved of such action on the part of a group of your constituents.

My Council has not filled in, or signed, the "Ballot Paper" as they consider it of a somewhat ambiguous nature.

At the present time my Council is strongly of opinion that a policy of adequate Defence, Naval, Military and Aerial, is of the first importance both for the protection of the nation and the ultimate pacification of the world at large.

I am, dear sir,

Yours sincerely,

ALICE STEWART BRYSON,
Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters from Dr. R. G. Elwell, giving reports of Miss Bryson's progress.

Letter from Miss M. Grobel, General Secretary, The National Council of Women of Great Britain, asking if the British College of Nurses will support the proposal of the Executive Committee to present Her Majesty The Queen with a "Loyal Address" on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee. The Council wished, unanimously, to be associated with the National Council of Women of Great Britain in this matter.

Letters of congratulation to be sent to four Fellows promoted to be Matrons of hospitals, and one as Sister Tutor.

Letter from Miss M. Millican, M.B.C.N., of thanks, and sending an account of her work and experiences in China.

Letter from the National Council of Women of Great Britain re the appointment of representatives to the Annual Meeting and Conference to be held at Leicester from October 14th to 18th.

It was agreed to make enquiries as to who could attend.

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