

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter, Sir Kingsley will be grateful if the Council will, as a first step, send him a full statement of the matters which they desire to discuss with him.

Yours faithfully,
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To which a reply was sent, which has been duly acknowledged.

The President reminded the Council of several dangers to the Profession looming ahead. She hoped in their various spheres they would carefully guard the privileges already won. As the nurse training schools came more and more under the control of autocratic Government and Municipal Authorities, and the benevolent attitude towards the nursing staff of the Committees of the voluntary charities decreased, the personal liberty of the workers would require more and more protection from economic exploitation and official tyranny.

It was agreed to communicate with the Minister of Health again, and to place before him the Council's considered opinion on several Nursing points.

Letters of thanks for congratulations from the Council were received from:

(a) Miss D. M. Dickinson, M.B.C.N., who was awarded the Florence Nightingale Scholarship of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, 1934-1935, and who gained distinction in the whole Course at Bedford College.

(b) Mrs. Philip, M.B.C.N. (*née* Fenton), on her marriage. Re representatives of the Affiliated Societies on the Executive Committee, 1935-1936, of the National Council of Women of Great Britain, to be held at Leicester in October, it was unanimously agreed to nominate Miss Norah Farrant, late Inspector, Queen's Institute of District Nursing of the County Nursing Associations throughout England.

CORRESPONDENCE.

REGULATIONS FOR PENSIONS.

1. The Council considered a communication from the Treasurer with Draft "Regulations as to Pensions."

The Council gave careful consideration to the Draft, paragraph by paragraph, and on the recommendation of Miss Isabel Macdonald, two minor details having been agreed, the Draft was adopted, and it was further agreed that when approved by the Trustees, the Regulations for Pensions should be printed and available for the information of Fellows and Members.

WOMEN ORDERLIES.

2. Correspondence was reported between the President and Dr. F. Barrie Lambert, L.C.C., concerning the establishment by the London County Council of a grade of workers to be known as "women orderlies," who "cannot be classed either as nursing or domestic staff," against which proposal Dr. Barrie Lambert made a strong protest at a meeting of the Hospitals and Medical Services Committee on July 30th, but which was adopted by the Committee without any consultation with the Nursing Profession at large.

The President reported that she had communicated the considered opinion of the Council on the inadvisability of the Scheme to various authorities interested in the matter.

3. Letter from Mr. P. McCarthy, sending a photograph of the grave of Miss Florence Nightingale in West Wellow Churchyard, and stating that he had an original photograph of Miss Nightingale before she went to the Crimea, and another as she was late in life, and promising to send the College a copy of each, which kind offer had been gratefully accepted.

4. Letter from Mrs. Hamilton Gibson, reporting that when attending the recent Meeting of the British Association, at Norwich, she had placed roses on the tomb of Edith Cavell, in the name of the British College of Nurses, and the Royal British Nurses' Association.

5. Letter from Miss E. M. Trenaman, Henley Beach, S. Australia, introducing the first student from S. Australia to be granted a Florence Nightingale Scholarship, Miss Kathleen Scrymgour, who had commenced her studies at Bedford College.

It was hoped to meet Miss Scrymgour at an early date.

6. Letter from Miss Edith Rand, M.B.C.N., notifying that she had been successful in obtaining the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

7. Letters of thanks for copy received of the "Report of the King's Jubilee Speech," from Miss E. B. Ross, Directress of Nursing, Graduate Hospital, University of Pennsylvania; Miss M. L. Jacobs, late Superintendent of Nurses, Ontario Hospital, London, Ont.; and from Miss J. Pritchard, Lady Superintendent, King Edward VII Order of Nurses, Cape Town, all of whom expressed very great pleasure in possessing a copy of His Majesty's historic Jubilee Speech.

Letters acknowledging benevolent grants.

A number of communications were considered.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

All applications for Fellowship and Membership received were approved, and the candidates elected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President reported a satisfactory Financial Statement for the month. £213 3s. had been received in subscriptions since the last Meeting.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby, who was invited to attend, gave the following Report:—

Since the last Meeting of the Council we have obtained many valuable items—

1. *The Marble Statue of Miss Florence Nightingale* is in the Front Hall. It cost £20 and £2 for carriage. I have received donations of £9 14s. 6d. from the following ladies: Miss Cowie, Miss Haswell, Miss Allbutt, Miss I. Macdonald, Miss Villiers, Miss Cochrane, Miss Willis, Miss Macaulay, Miss Eburah, Miss Hawkins.

I have been able to find out very little about the Statue, except that it was bought by an Antique Dealer from a Dr. Ward, formerly of Brighton; he went to the War and I have not yet been able to ascertain if he is still alive.

2. "*Notes on Nursing*," by Miss Florence Nightingale. It is the cleanest and the best copy I have seen. It was given to me, and I am presenting it to the British College of Nurses.

3. "*Notes on Nursing for the Labouring Classes*," by Florence Nightingale. This also was given to me, I have much pleasure in giving it to the History Section.

4. "*Notes on Nursing*," by Florence Nightingale, translated into Italian by Sabilla Novello, who was Sister of Clara Novello (Contessa Gigliucci), the great Singer, and they were both devoted to Miss Nightingale. The great bond between these ladies was that they were Garibaldian and Miss Nightingale's love of Italy. Bought by the British College of Nurses.

5. "*The Organisation of Nursing in a Large Town*," by Miss Florence Nightingale. We have a copy of this book, but as it is difficult to obtain the President wished that a second copy should be secured by the British College of Nurses.

6. "*Woman's Mission*." A series of Congress papers on the Philanthropic work of women. Preface and notes by

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