

Sovereign King George V, through life the symbol and centre of the Empire's unity and strength."

Scrolls beautifully engrossed by hand on vellum, expressing respectful sympathy were addressed to His Majesty King Edward VIII and to Her Majesty Queen Mary.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of the following Fellows and Members, whose sincere interest in the work of the College has done much to establish it and whose loss is deeply mourned:—

In 1935—

Miss Rose Anne Letitia Conway, F.B.C.N., June 13th; Miss Elizabeth Wilson, M.B.C.N., July 9th; Miss Mary Livingstone Cameron, F.B.C.N., October 9th; Miss Agnes Lillie Ross, F.B.C.N., October 30th; Miss Ada Taylor, M.B.C.N., November 19th; Miss Alice Simpkin, F.B.C.N., December 25th.

In 1936—

Mrs. Dorothy Keats, F.B.C.N., January 16th; Mrs. Maud Annie Margaret Andrews, F.B.C.N., February 10th; Miss Florence Caroline Hargreaves, F.B.C.N., January 14th; Miss Louisa Brodie, F.B.C.N., January 28th; Miss Gertrude Amy Please, M.B.C.N., April 10th.

(Signed) ETHEL G. FENWICK,

39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

President.

July 6th, 1936.

The Report having been received, the President said it was open for discussion.

Miss Elma Smith considered there was nothing to add to the Report, so much had been achieved.

Miss J. C. Child, in expressing warm thanks and appreciation of all that had been done so magnificently, and disinterestedly, felt that the vision of Dr. and Mrs. Fenwick during the great difficulties of so many years, had united the nurses of the whole world, and the nurses thanked them with their whole hearts for their wonderful work.

Miss E. Woodall asked if any reply had been received from the Minister of Health in response to the Memorandum sent from the Council *re* the Midwives Acts Amendment Bill before Parliament.

The President here explained that under the proposed new Midwives Act those who were not Registered Nurses might be engaged in nursing—the status of the Registered Nurse was sacrificed.

The President feared that very few nurses had studied the Midwives Bill, and expressed her regret that, through their lack of interest, Parliament had failed to realise the importance to the sick poor of providing the efficient State Registered Nurse and State Certified Midwife, instead of "the unstandardised Nurse-Midwife."

Miss E. Woodall then proposed the following Resolution:—

#### RESOLUTION.

"That in the opinion of this Meeting, grants paid to Local Authorities, or Nursing Associations, under the Bill to amend the Midwives Acts, now before Parliament, should be made on the understanding that when a Midwife is liable to be employed in general nursing she should also hold the qualification of State Registered Nurse."

Miss E. Armstrong seconded the Resolution, which was carried unanimously, and it was agreed that it should be sent to the Minister of Health and to the press.

The adoption of this Report was then moved by Miss J. C. Child, seconded by Mrs. W. Mackenzie, and carried unanimously.

#### THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr. Fenwick, on rising, said that he had much pleasure in presenting the Audited Accounts for the past year, explained them, and moved the Resolution, "That the Audited Accounts to June 30th be received and adopted and a printed copy entered on the Minutes."

The Report was seconded and unanimously adopted.

The President reminded those present that the International Council of Nurses Congress would take place in London in July next year, when colleagues from some forty countries would attend. The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, who would act as hostess, was making an appeal for £1,000. She felt sure the British College of Nurses would willingly respond to the appeal.

Miss Schuller then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Treasurer for all he had done and continued to do for nurses, and especially for his arduous work for the College. This was seconded and carried with acclamation.

#### APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR.

The Treasurer moved that "Mr. H. Rendall Gothard be appointed Auditor for the College for the ensuing year," and said that his firm had done this work most admirably during the past ten years.

This was seconded by Mrs. Wates.

Dr. Fenwick then moved:—

"That the most grateful thanks of the Annual Meeting of the British College of Nurses be and hereby are accorded to the President, Vice-Presidents, and the Council of the College for their strenuous and most successful work for the College, and also to Miss Alice Stewart Bryson (Secretary), Miss M. R. Angel and Miss B. A. Bowering for the admirable way in which they had fulfilled their duties during the past year."

This Resolution was accorded with warm acclamation.

#### WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE COUNCIL.

The President, in welcoming the new members to the Council, said how pleased they all were to have Miss A. M. Bushby and Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., back again on the Council.

Bouquets of flowers were arranged for the acceptance of the three new Members of the Council.

Miss I. Macdonald, in proposing a vote of thanks to the President, said that this was her great pleasure and privilege, but that Miss Child had forestalled her, and she could only say, in expressing thanks to Mrs. Fenwick for all she had done and was doing for the Nursing Profession, that it is a great privilege and for us the greatest thing to follow a great leader, and for the beautiful light of the College which she has created, we offer our hearty thanks. This was seconded by Miss Beatrice Kent and carried with acclamation.

Miss M. Ashton, M.B.C.N., from Australia, presented a beautiful bouquet of pink roses and carnations to the President on behalf of the Council.

The Meeting then terminated.

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