

Events of Public Importance.

By the death of His Majesty King George V on January 20th of this year, the British Empire sustained a great loss. By no section of his subjects was King George held in greater honour and affection than by the Nursing Profession. The King showed warm appreciation of the services of nurses, and personally decorated many of them as a mark of that appreciation.

A chaplet of flowers was sent to Windsor from the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain for King George's funeral and the following Address of Condolence to His Majesty King Edward VIII was forwarded through the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Most Gracious Sovereign,—

On behalf of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, comprising over 36,000 nurses, I desire to express to Your Majesty the deep sorrow of the members of this Council at the death of their beloved Sovereign King George V, of Blessed and Glorious Memory, and to humbly offer their most loyal and respectful sympathy in Your Majesty's irreparable loss.

Signed on behalf of the Council,

ETHEL GORDON FENWICK,
President.

An Address of Condolence was also forwarded to Her Majesty Queen Mary.

The scrolls upon which these Addresses were inscribed were engrossed by hand on vellum parchment, their main features being the dignified lettering (based on Roman characters) in gold, purple and black, and tied with purple ribbon.

Gracious acknowledgments of these Addresses were received.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FROM HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

Home Office,
Whitehall,
March 17th, 1936.

Madam,—

I have had the honour to lay before the King the Loyal and Dutiful Address of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain on the occasion of the lamented death of His late Majesty King George the Fifth, and have received the King's Commands to convey to you His Majesty's grateful thanks for the assurances of sympathy and devotion to which it gives expression.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

The President, JOHN SIMON.
The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

The Proclamation on January 21st, 1936, by the Privy Council at St. James's Palace of King Edward VIII as King of these Realms was followed the next day by the Proclamation of His Majesty in London and throughout the Empire "as our only lawful and rightful Liege to whom we do acknowledge all faith and constant obedience with all hearty and humble affection," a declaration of fealty right heartily accorded to a Prince who had already won the affection of the nations associated in the British Empire by his charm, sincerity, simplicity, and Royal gift of service.

Applications for Affiliation.

Application Forms duly inscribed and copies of Constitutions were received and considered from:

- (1) *The York County Hospital Nurses' League.*
President: Miss Margaret Katherine Steele, S.R.N.
Delegates: Miss Kitty Windass, S.R.N.; Miss Dorothy Hoggard, S.R.N.
Number of Members, 80.
- (2) *The League of Mental Hospital Nurses.*

President: Miss Ida Ruth Taylor, S.R.N., R.M.N.
Delegates: Miss Jessie F. Cumming, S.R.N., R.M.N.; Miss Florence Agnes Parncutt, S.R.N.
Number of Members, 372.

(3) *St. Mary Abbot's Hospital Nurses' League.*

President: Miss Maude Ingman, S.R.N.
Delegates: Miss Annie Maria Saunders, A.R.R.C., S.R.N.; Miss Gladys Davies, S.R.N.
Number of Members, 120.

(4) *St. George-in-the-East Hospital Nurses' League.*

President: Miss Annice Stuart Gray, R.R.C., S.R.N., S.C.M.
Delegates: Miss Norah Marcella Donohoe, S.R.N., S.C.M.; Miss Bridget Teresa Taylor, S.R.N., S.C.M.
Number of Members, 50.

Re-admission.

An application was also received from the Royal South Hants Hospital Nurses' League which had resigned some years ago, for re-admission. The application was in order, and it was agreed that the League should be accepted.

(5) *Royal South Hants Hospital Nurses' League.*

President: Miss Mabel Smith, S.R.N.
Delegates: Miss Nellie Elizabeth Duncombe, S.R.N.; Miss Agnes Rider, S.R.N.
Number of Members, 84.

As the constitutions of these Leagues were in order it was unanimously agreed that they should be admitted to membership of the National Council of Nurses.

Number of Affiliated Associations.

By the admission to the National Council of Nurses of these five Leagues, the number of Leagues and Associations affiliated is now 46.

Resignation of Dulwich Hospital Nurses' League.

The resignation of the Dulwich Hospital Nurses' League, which had been reorganised on the lines of a Social Club, with the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital as President, was accepted, as the constitution was not in conformity with the provisions of the National Council of Nurses' Constitution.

New Presidents and Delegates.

The following list of new Presidents and Delegates has been approved:—

Notification of Changes of Presidents of Affiliated Associations.

Scottish Matrons' Association.
Miss M. M. Craig in place of Miss Dewar.

Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association.
Miss H. McLoughlin in place of Miss M. Drakard.

Changes of Delegates.

The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.
Miss H. Saunders in place of Mrs. Lancelot Andrews (deceased).

The College of Nursing.
Miss D. A. Lane in place of Miss M. V. Lindall (deceased).

The Association of Hospital Matrons.
Miss R. A. Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., in place of Miss M. E. Craven.

The Scottish Matrons' Association.
Miss A. M. Milligan in place of Miss Craig; Miss Kerr in place of Miss E. Brodie.

The British College of Nurses.
Miss D. G. Tilby in place of Miss M. M. Ingman.

The League of Trained Nurses of the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield.
Miss E. Cockayne in place of Miss F. Allen.

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