

Royal British Nurses' Association.

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Royal Charter.

THIS SUPPLEMENT BEING THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE CORPORATION.

RESOLUTIONS CONVEYING TO MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY THE SYMPATHY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION ON THE DEATH OF KING GEORGE THE FIFTH.

At the meeting of the General Council of the Association, held on 24th January, the following Resolutions were moved and carried, prior to the ordinary business of the meeting. Before putting each of these Resolutions separately, Miss Bickerton, R.R.C., who occupied the chair, said that she knew that it would be the wish of those present and of the members generally that the Council should set on record the sorrow of the whole Association on the death of their beloved King George the Fifth, and also the members would wish that their Council should forward expressions of sympathy to Members of the Royal House. Words could not express the grief that had been felt throughout the whole Empire on receiving the announcement of the death of the King, and by none more than by the nurses. They had found so much to admire and love in their King. They had appreciated his directness, his great steadfastness, his wonderful courage always combined with humility and his great powers of sympathy and understanding. It had been noted on numberless occasions how, when an outstanding sorrow came to anyone and he knew of it, or when some disaster arose to bring death or sorrow into some particular community, a message of sympathy from their King was among the first always to reach those affected by sorrow and loss. It was just the same, too, when some foreign country was mourning. We always learnt that the message of sympathy from England's King had been among the first to be communicated. It was impossible to express adequately the feelings of sympathy throughout the Corporation with Members of the Royal House or to say what this great King had meant to his people.

Miss Bickerton then moved from the Chair the following Resolution, which was carried by silent upstanding vote:—

“That the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association, in Quarterly Meeting assembled, do, on behalf of the whole Corporation, place on record the deep sorrow with which its members received the announcement of the death of our beloved King, George the Fifth. The nurses will remember, with abiding gratitude, his late Majesty's solicitude for the sick in his Kingdom and his unceasing interest in their welfare.

“The Council desire to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Mary and to all Members of the Royal Family an expression of respectful and heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow.”

The next Resolution was put from the Chair and carried after the same manner:—

“That the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association, in Quarterly Meeting assembled, on behalf of all members of the Corporation, shall convey to His Most Gracious Majesty

King Edward the Eighth an expression of most respectful sympathy on the death of his illustrious Father, our beloved King George the Fifth. The Council also desires, on behalf of the members of the Association, to offer to His Majesty, with expressions of deep loyalty, their humble good wishes that his reign may prove a long and happy one.”

The Chairman then moved the following Resolution conveying the sympathy of the Association to Her Royal Highness, the President, which was carried, as were the previous Resolutions:—

“That the General Council of the Association, on behalf of all its members, do convey to its President, Her Royal Highness the Princess Arthur of Connaught, R.R.C., S.R.N., an expression of the deep sorrow with which the members of the Association have received intimation of the death of their beloved King. The Council, on behalf of the members, send respectful and most sincere sympathy to Her Royal Highness, the President, in her sorrow.”

This last Resolution has been forwarded to Her Royal Highness with a request that she would forward to His Majesty the King and Her Majesty Queen Mary copies of the two first Resolutions carried by the governing body of the Royal British Nurses' Association at its first meeting after the announcement of the death of King George.

Her Royal Highness has graciously intimated that she has acceded to this request.

A wreath composed of English daffodils with a beautiful spray of flame-coloured tulips has been forwarded to Windsor. Printed in gold on the purple ribbon, holding the tulips, was the following inscription: “To our beloved King George the Fifth in respectful and loyal remembrance from the Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association.”

SALE OF WORK.

We have to thank all the Members who so kindly sent gifts for the Sale of Work. These “birthday gifts” have been much appreciated and will probably, in their aggregate, be responsible for providing us with new drawing-room carpets. We always seek to use money arising from the Sale in some way to beautify those parts of headquarters that are useful to town and country Members alike, and, in view of the many social gatherings, lectures, and benevolent activities which so often lead to our meeting together in our beautiful drawing room, we think that the destination of this year's “birthday gifts” will give pleasure. We shall certainly look forward to adding to the beauty of our headquarters through the kindness and generosity of the Members to the Association at this season, and we hope that in the year upon which we have entered we shall find more and more of the Members making use of the activities promoted at the Club. The satisfactory result arising from the Sale is about £88.

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