

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The one hundred and eighth Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W. on Saturday, March 21st, 1936, at 2.30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and there were present: Miss M. Breay and Miss I. Macdonald, Vice-Presidents; Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss J. C. Cowie, Miss F. M. Campbell, Miss Le Geyt, Fellows; Miss H. G. Ballard, Member. Several Members of Council were unavoidably prevented from attending the Meeting.

Prayers having been read by the Secretary, the Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Grateful Thanks for Sympathy.

The President read the following letters which had been received conveying grateful thanks for sympathy from Their Majesties, King Edward VIII and Queen Mary:—

Home Office,
Whitehall,
17th March, 1936.

MADAM,—I have had the honour to lay before the King the Loyal and Dutiful Address of the Members of the British College of Nurses 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, Madam,
Your obedient Servant,

The President,
The British College of Nurses. JOHN SIMON.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
17th March, 1936.

MADAM,—I am directed by the Secretary of State to inform you that the address of Condolence of the Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses on the death of His late Majesty King George the Fifth has been laid before Queen Mary, whose grateful Thanks I am to convey to you.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient Servant,
R. R. SCOTT.

The President,
The British College of Nurses.

The Council received these communications with gratitude and agreed that they would be a valuable addition to the Royal Mementoes of the History Section, where they would be carefully preserved.

Letter from Miss F. A. Parkes in reply to an enquiry from the Council of the College as to what provisions were being made for her by the Government. Miss Parkes in thanking the President and Council for their consideration stated that the ex-gratia grant of £1,000, *i.e.*, at interest or annuity will be about the sum of 15s. a week. She has written to the Lords Commissioners drawing their attention to the inadequacy of this compensation, in comparison with all she has lost, and that she is proved innocent.

Letter from Miss Macdonald, commenting on the Meeting held by the National Council of Women of Great Britain *re* "Status of Women Committee," which she attended as the College representative, and enclosing Report of the Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter of thanks from Dame Christabel Pankhurst for congratulations sent from the Council on her receiving the honour of D.B.E. reported in the January issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

Letter from Mr. John Steepman, Assistant to the Director, National Portrait Gallery, arranging for the Class of Fellows and Members to be admitted free to the Gallery.

Letters expressing themselves willing to conduct Miss Riley on leave from Hong Kong, over the Administration Departments of the following Hospitals from:—

Miss Cochrane, Matron, Charing Cross Hospital;
Miss F. Campbell, Matron, South Eastern Hospital, (Infectious Diseases);

Miss Littlejohn, Matron, Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square;

Miss W. Solomon, Matron, Colindale Hospital, Hendon, (Tuberculosis).

Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Matron, Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone.

Letter from Miss Riley expressing warm appreciation of instructive visits and the courtesy extended to her.

Letter of thanks from Miss B. West for the help of the College in giving her a ticket to enable her to take a Course on "First Aid in Chemical Warfare."

Letter from Miss M. M. P. Siggers, M.B.C.N., sending card of her home, "Lansdowne Nursing Home, Tunbridge Wells," to be brought to the notice of members, or anyone wishing such treatment, or rest and change after treatment in London.

Letter from Miss D. Chadwick, F.B.C.N., Matron, Government Hospital for Women and Children, Madras, giving details of her tour of inspection of 15 hospitals in Southern India by the invitation of the C.M.A. Examination Board *re* the facilities for the training of nurses and midwives.

Letter from Miss Sallie Round, F.B.C.N., sending annual report of All Saints Dispensary, Panvel, India, and stating that she looks forward to visiting the College in May.

Letter from Miss Ethel Tomkinson, F.B.C.N., Hon. Secretary, Association for Moral and Social Hygiene, Mysore, Mysore City Branch, sending an account of a Christmas Village Tour and thanking the President and Council for the Royal Christmas Card.

Letter from Miss N. A. Graham, F.B.C.N., sending photograph of herself and the staff of a British Military Hospital in India, where she is Matron.

Letter from Miss E. M. Foulkes Pritchard, F.B.C.N., Rhodesia, stating if she does not obtain an appointment in Natal for which she has applied, she will be returning to England about the middle of April, and will take her Midwifery Training.

Communication from General Nursing Council for Scotland enclosing list of successful candidates of the Council's Final Examination.

Letter from Miss M. Grobel, General Secretary, N.C.W.

(a) *Re* Preliminary Notice of Resolutions, Representative Council Meeting to be held at Southport, June 29th to July 3rd. Resolutions to be included in the Preliminary List must be received not later than Wednesday, April 1st.

(b) Letter *re* Representative Council Meeting, Southport, June 29th to 3rd July.

It was agreed that Miss E. J. Haswell, Liverpool, be invited to attend the Annual Conference as the College representative.

It was agreed to communicate with Captain Fergus MacCunn to ask if he wished to bring up his Resolution *re* the Cruelty of Private Zoos again at the Annual Conference, and that if so the Council of the British College of Nurses would support this Resolution.

Letter *re* Women of Hungary "International Women's Week" under the Presidency of the Archduchess Anna, to take place this year in July, with programme. The President drew the attention of the Council to this very interesting programme, which would be a delightfully

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