

gratis, office accommodation for business in connection with the forthcoming International Congress of Nurses.

On Tuesday, November 24th, the League of Fever Nurses held its General Meeting, by the kind consent of the President, in the Lecture Hall. Tea was served in the Secretary's office.

During the past year the London County Council Nurses' Association have continued to hold their meetings in the College Library at 8 p.m. They have met monthly during the past year, except in August, 1936, and January, 1937.

It was agreed to continue the College custom of sending Christmas cards with a covering letter of greeting from the Council to Fellows and Members in the Dominions and abroad. This year King Edward VIII's beautiful Coronation Calendar was chosen, and sent, before this King's abdication was thought of. Many letters have been received expressing warm thanks and stating that this beautiful memento—a sad one in the light of subsequent events—would be much valued.

The valuable collection of data connected with the Profession collected by the History of Nursing Section continues to increase. Through the untiring efforts of Miss A. M. Bushby to enrich this interesting collection, original letters written by Miss Florence Nightingale, miniatures, pottery, porcelain, prints, valuable books, and other historical treasures have been added during this year.

Many beautiful treasures have been added to the collection of Royal Mementoes; statuettes of Royal Personages, prints, coins, porcelain, and this year, treasured items relating to King Edward VIII and the Coronation of King George VI have been collected.

On learning that a Registrar for the General Nursing Council for Scotland was to be appointed, the Council took immediate steps to advocate that a Registered Nurse should be appointed to this Office, and the following Resolution was sent to the Chairman of the General Nursing Council for Scotland and the Press:—

"That the Council of the British College of Nurses is unanimously of opinion that in the interests of the Nursing Profession the time is now appropriate when a Registered Nurse should be appointed to fill the office of Registrar to the General Nursing Council for Scotland. Such a professional appointment would appear to be the more equitable as Registered Nurses provide the emoluments for the maintenance of the office of Registrar."

It was known that opinion on the General Nursing Council for Scotland was sharply divided on this question, and that some of its members were strongly opposed to the appointment of a State Registered Nurse as Registrar. But the Council had thus before them the claim of Registered Nurses for the position, supported by the facts that since the establishment of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, a State Registered Nurse has occupied the post of Registrar, and further, that since 1926 the position of Chairman of the English Council has been held with distinction by a State Registered Nurse.

It is therefore most satisfactory that the General Nursing Council for Scotland finally appointed a State Registered Nurse as their Registrar.

Benevolent Grants have been made in several instances to Fellows and Members in need, and a splendid addition was made again this year by the unflinching generosity of Miss Isabel Macdonald, who presented a cheque for £25 from her Calendar Fund, and some 19 members received gifts from this source.

Registration Day was celebrated on Saturday, December 19th, when the President, supported by the Councillors, welcomed Fellows and Members and their guests in the

Lecture Hall, and amongst the guests were Miss Nan Dorsey and a group of 14 Nightingale Students.

Miss Isabel Macdonald delivered a touching Address on the beautiful character and life of the Royal Saint. "The Holy Queen Elizabeth of Portugal" (which was published in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING). After the Lecture the party assembled in the Council Chamber and Office for Tea; for the lighting of 17 candles, and the cutting of the Registration Cake.

A Nightingale Brick from No. 10, South Street, London, the last home of Florence Nightingale, O.M., from 1865 to 1910, has, by request, been presented by the College to the Auckland Hospital, New Zealand, through Miss E. M. Nutsey, Lady Superintendent; The Royal Melbourne Hospital, Australia, by the initiative of Miss J. Bell, late Matron; the Methodist General Hospital, Hankow, China, by the request of Miss G. E. Stephenson, Matron; and the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, by the request of Miss Gwen Burbidge.

At the Meeting of the Council held on December 19th, 1936, the following Expression of Gratitude, proposed by the President, was placed on record:—

"Momentous events have taken place since our last meeting. There has been a demise of the Crown, owing to the Abdication of King Edward VIII, and we now owe allegiance to his successor, King George VI. I would ask permission, therefore, before we pass on to other business, to have recorded on our Minutes an Expression of Gratitude to our former well-beloved King, for his 20 years' devoted service to the Empire as Prince of Wales. We have not forgotten his heroic service during the Great War, when for years he served at the Front, and gladly risked his life for his country. Neither have we forgotten his far-reaching service, when accredited representative of his Sovereign throughout the Commonwealth of Nations, and to foreign lands. Instinct with generosity and charm, he won good will for England throughout the world. His fellow men of the poorer sort were indeed his brothers, and it was his instinctive sympathy with them which adds tragedy to his loss."

By the invitation of the Minister of Health, the President attended at the Ministry with representatives of other nurses' organisations, to consider the allocation of some 400 seats for members of the Nursing Profession to view the Coronation Procession. The seats were allocated to the various branches of the Nursing Profession (exclusive of the Government Services, otherwise provided for) and distributed in proportion to numerical strength on the Registers of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The Council has again approached the General Nursing Council for England and Wales concerning its refusal to publish the names of successful candidates in the State Examinations in the daily Press. In renewing this request for this public recognition of Legal Status, which the Council of the College made in 1934, a Resolution was sent to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, pointing out that this advisable step had been adopted by the General Nursing Council for the Irish Free State. It is much regretted that the General Nursing Council again declined to adopt this course.

An invitation was received from the Secretary of the Association of Municipal Corporations, to the College, to send representatives to a joint meeting of that Association and the County Councils Association, to discuss the question of the "Recruitment and Training of Nurses."

Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss Isabel Macdonald and Miss M. G. Allbutt attended as the College representatives at this Conference, held on December 8th, 1936.

On January 26th members of the Council invited the President to a Luncheon at the Monico Restaurant on

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