

Council of Nurses during its Meeting in London in July last, and also to Miss G. V. Hillyers and the members of the Sister-Tutor Section of the College of Nursing for the magnificent Pageant of Nursing presented at the Scala Theatre during the Congress. To Miss D. S. Coode, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss M. A. Gullan and Miss Digby Pigott, for their great services in connection with hospitality, entertainment, the Congress Office and the Ticket Bureau in preparation and during the International Congress of Nurses, July, 1937.

Other Business.

Under "Other Business," Miss I. Macdonald commented on the apparent disfranchisement of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain at the Meeting of the Board of Directors, I.C.N., on July 25th, 1937, to which the Chairman had alluded. She proposed the following Resolution—which was seconded by Miss A. Stewart Bryson and carried *nem. con.*—

RESOLUTION.

"That it be an instruction to the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to enquire into and report upon the conduct of business by the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses on July 25th, 1937, whereby the name of the official nominee of the National Council was excluded from the Ballot for the election of members of the Florence Nightingale Standing Committee."

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman, after which the Meeting terminated.

LETTER OF THANKS FROM MISS MACAULAY.

Kent County Mental Hospital,
Maidstone.
December 2nd, 1937.

To Mrs. Bedford Fenwick,
President, The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

DEAR MADAM,—I should like to express, through the medium of your valuable JOURNAL, my sincere thanks and appreciation to the following Nursing organisations for their support of my nomination as Vice-President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, namely:—

- The Matrons' Council of Great Britain.
- The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.
- The Prince of Wales General Hospital Nurses' League.
- The Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses' League.
- The British College of Nurses.
- The Infectious Hospitals Matrons Association.
- The League of Private Nurses.
- The League of Sister Tutors.
- The League of Charing Cross Hospital Nurses.
- The League of Fever Nurses.

Now that they have done me the honour of electing me to that position, I shall endeavour to do all in my power to justify the confidence they have shown in me.

I am, Yours sincerely,
E. MACAULAY.

LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Lady Sutherland, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, left £1,000 upon trust for her nurse, Catherine Lloyd, for life.

Mr. Douglas Guy Welsh, of Torquay, left £1,000 to his friend, Miss J. Inglis, at one time a nurse at the Bethlem Royal Hospital.

Miss Dorothy Armitage, a member of the private nursing staff of the Westminster Hospital, benefits under the will of Mrs. Alice Coralie Charrington, of Edenbridge, Kent, to the extent of £4,000, left by Mrs. Charrington to "my very dear friend and devoted nurse." Miss Armitage nursed Mrs. Charrington and her husband for five years.

THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE LONDON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF NURSES.

The *London Hospital League of Nurses Review*, dated November, 1937, is just to hand, an excellent number produced by a very representative Standing Sub-Committee. We hope to refer to it in greater detail anon.

Items we always note and read with interest are "Matron's Letter," with its report of the amazing growth of the Nursing Staff. To compare this with what it was nearly 60 years ago, when in residence as a Sister, is to realise the extraordinary evolution in nursing practice. How with the limited staff at our disposal did we nurse thirteen cases of typhoid *in one ward*? And, moreover, why did we never lose a case, or have a bed sore? Personally we willed them to live and they did. And what cases on which to learn *real* nursing.

The *Review* always contains a specially interesting medical article—in this issue, "Recent Advances in the Treatment of Heart Disease," by William Evans, M.D., F.R.C.P.—and we gather "Londoners" enjoyed the I.C.N. Congress which they had so very generously helped to finance.

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Meeting of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League on November 20th was of special interest as it was the occasion of the dedication of a window to the Glory of God and to the memory of Miss Clara Elizabeth Vincent, R.R.C. (Matron of the Infirmary from 1912-1929) by the Bishop of Leicester in the Hospital Chapel.

The Service, which was most impressive, was conducted by the Chaplain, the Rev. Canon H. V. Williams. The Chapel was crowded with League Members and friends of Miss Vincent.

The Service began with a hymn followed by an Exhortation said by the Chaplain:—

"Dearly beloved in the Lord; forasmuch as devout and holy men and women, moved either by the secret inspiration of the Holy Spirit, or by the express command of God, have beautified the Houses of God, in order to fill men's and women's hearts with greater reverence for His Glorious Majesty, and to affect their minds with more devotion and humility in His service, which pious works have been approved and graciously accepted by our Heavenly Father; let us not doubt but that He will also graciously approve our godly purpose of dedicating to His service this window, which has been erected to the memory of Clara Elizabeth Vincent, formerly Matron of this Royal Infirmary. The Memorial has been given by her colleagues and friends in deep appreciation of her long and faithful association with this place."

The Petition for the Dedication was presented to the Bishop by Miss M. F. Hughes, Matron of the Infirmary, in the following words:—

"My Lord Bishop. On behalf of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League and friends, I beg you to Dedicate this window which has been placed in this Chapel to the Glory of God and to the Memory of Clara Elizabeth Vincent." To which the Bishop replied:

"I am ready gladly so to do."

The Bishop then dedicated the window in the following words:

"IN THE FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST WE DEDICATE THIS WINDOW TO THE GLORY OF GOD, AND IN MEMORY OF HIS SERVANT CLARA ELIZABETH VINCENT, IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY GHOST. AMEN."

After some prayers and the beautiful verses "Jerusalem" by William Blake as an Anthem, the Bishop of Leicester gave an Address, which was followed by the Hymn, "For

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