

## A "NIGHTINGALE BRICK" FOR HANKOW.

Methodist General Hospital, Hankow,  
Hankow United School of Nursing.

DEAR EDITOR,—The other evening the postman brought me the last number of the "B.J.N." I was delighted to read the Editor's note at the end of my letter which was reprinted there. It promised that a Nightingale brick would probably soon arrive in Hankow.

All our little company here were very interested and pleased. There has been much discussion as to how to raise the funds for our building.

When I told them about the brick, our superintendent said: "Well, now we *must* get the building to put around the brick!" which raised a laugh.

As a matter of fact, we are likely to begin the new school building about April or May, as the necessary legislation has been put through this week at our Annual Synod of the Church here, which granted us the site of land we wanted. I wonder how the brick will come. Is it coming by post? If it has not already started on its way, it could be sent to Miss Miriam Driver, who is Assistant Matron here, and sails back from furlough on 23rd April on the *Naldera*. If the brick was sent to her she could put it carefully in her trunk and bring it with her.

I have not told our Nurses until I receive some confirmation of its coming. I know they will be so excited over it, that I daren't risk them being disappointed.

On Monday evening last, they gave a "History of Nursing" play in five acts in honour of our graduation and for the Annual Church Synod. It was excellently done, especially the scene where Florence Nightingale went round the dim wards at night. As she went from bed to bed, three nurses in the background sang Wordsworth's poem, "The Lady of the Lamp," which has been set to music by one of our missionaries.

Our Christians are all familiar with Florence Nightingale's story and the hall was packed out on the occasion of the play.

We had a most brilliant graduation ceremony on Saturday night. It was the largest we have had, no less than forty-nine Nurses were graduating. This year there was not one failure, all had passed, so great was their joy.

The whole congregation stood as the Nurses slowly and solemnly repeated the Nightingale pledge.

Under Government registration our School must have its own Board of Managers separate from the Hospital Board.

For the first time we had our School Board present on the platform. The lady who is our Hon. Principal of the School gave the report, and she was so charming and able that everyone fell in love with her.

As our School is unique in that it is a united one between two hospitals, we have solved the problem of a head by having an Hon. Principal, which is allowed by Government regulations.

Please pass on the enclosed book to Miss Bushby, unless it should go into the ordinary library. It is the English copy of the Chinese History of Nursing. Several missionary English-speaking Nurses wanted it in English to assist them in the teaching of it in Chinese, so the publisher has put it out in English for their sakes.

With greetings to all,

I am, yours sincerely,

G. E. STEPHENSON.

## ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

Applications for Membership were received, and the applicants were elected.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented the Financial Statement for the month.

## THE REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby (Chairman) stated that she had no report to present for the meeting, but expressed pleasure in presenting to the History Section of the College a beautiful Minton Edward VIII Beaker, impressed in colour on one side, with the portrait of Edward VIII, and on the other, in gold, the crown, dated beneath, May 12, 1937; round the lip in a band of gold embossed with the crown and dated 1937.

This Beaker is limited to an issue of 2,000, of which this one is No. 655.

This gift, in a case mounted in blue velvet, was greatly admired; and Miss Bushby was warmly thanked for her generosity.

## THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported on the daily activities of the College.

## LIST OF GIFTS.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick: King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Coronation Mug.

Mrs. Marie Gallison: Two copies of "The Ministry of Women, One Hundred Years of Women's Work at Kaiserswerth, 1836-1936."

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING: "An Ethiopian Diary," by J. W. S. Macfie; "Toothful Essays," by Edward Samson; "Sick Children, Diagnosis and Treatment," by Donald Paterson; "A Pharmacopoeia for Chiropodists," by J. N. Le Rossignol, M.I.S.Ch., and C. B. Holliday, M.P.S.; "Diagnosis of Some Delusional Insanity Types in General Practice," by Edwin Hopewell-Ash, M.D.Lond.; and "Practical Preparations," by N. W. Powell (late Sister Hope, St. Bartholomew's Hospital).

Miss A. M. Bushby: King Edward VIII Beaker.

## NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, March 20th, at 2.30 p.m.

## OTHER BUSINESS.

Public Recognition of Legal Status.

(a) The President drew the attention of the Council to the issue of the *Weekly Irish Times*, of January 23rd, in which the General Nursing Council for the Irish Free State had published the names of successful candidates in the State Examinations and alluded to the request of the Council of the British College of Nurses, sent to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales in 1934, asking for this public recognition of legal status.

It was unanimously agreed that a Resolution be sent to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, asking that their refusal to publish the names of successful candidates in the daily press be reconsidered.

## RESOLUTION.

At the Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses held on Saturday, February 20th, it was unanimously agreed to call the attention of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to the action taken by the General Nursing Council for the Irish Free State, in publishing in the press the names of successful candidates in the State Examinations for Nurses conducted by it.

As this advisable publicity was first advocated by the Council of the British College of Nurses in 1934, this Council now urges that the General Nursing Council for England and Wales should reconsider its refusal to grant publicity in the press to its successful examinees.

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