

be held on a date to suit the Chairman, Miss M. S. Cochrane, who would communicate with the Secretary.

ROUND TABLE COMMITTEE.

It was agreed that the first meeting of the Round Table Committee be held on Thursday, May 19th, at 2.30 p.m., and that all memoranda available concerning the Subject of Reference to the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services be considered.

A great number of Associations were submitting memoranda—amongst them, one from the British Medical Association and one from the National Council of Women.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Anonymous donor—18s. for Sympathy Fund.
Miss Edgar—Flowers.
Miss A. A. MacWilliam—Flowers.
Mrs. Goad—Flowers.
Mrs. E. Wates—5s. for flowers.
Miss J. I. Holmes—"The Interesting Spheres of Religion and Science," by Sir Ambrose Fleming, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S.
Mrs. Bedford Fenwick—Pamphlet on the Life of Mlle. L. Chaptal.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was unanimously agreed that the next Meeting of the Council be held on May 21st, 1938, at 2.30 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The meeting discussed the demolition of the one Portal to the Register of Nurses as the result of the Vote of the General Nursing Council at its meeting on Friday, March 25th, by splitting the Preliminary Examination and thus dividing Theory and Practice in the Teaching of Nursing.

In the discussion which followed it was realised that the Resolution to divide the Preliminary Examination into two parts was a serious danger to efficient education of student nurses, and it was agreed unanimously that:—

- (a) A Letter of Protest be sent to the Chairman and Council of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, upon the Principles involved, and
(b) That a Vote of thanks be sent from the Council to the eight ladies who voted against the Resolution to divide the Preliminary State Examination into two parts.

OBLIGATIONS.

Three Members attended and took the Obligation and were welcomed into the College by the President and Council, with whom they took tea.
The meeting then terminated.

FIXTURES.

May 19th.—First Meeting of the Round Table Committee 2.30 p.m.
May 21st.—Monthly Meeting of the Council at 2.30 p.m.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

The two first Lectures of a course of six Lectures which are being delivered at the British College of Nurses by Colonel J. Mackenzie every Wednesday at 8.15 p.m. until and including June 1st were well attended, and the audience followed with the deepest interest the instruction imparted by Colonel Mackenzie.

INVITATION.

Miss Brodie will be "At Home" to Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses, at the Royal Mental Hospital, Great Western Road, Glasgow, on Saturday, May 21st, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. She hopes that Fellows and Members who reside in Scotland and any others who chance to be in the north at that time will regard this as an invitation to be present.

NIGHTINGALEIANA.

Members of the Nursing Profession all the world over acclaim May 12th as "Thanksgiving Day," as on that date in 1820, Florence Nightingale was born into the world at the Villa Columbaia, at Florence. Thus to commemorate this soul-stirring event her statue in London is decorated with laurels and flowers, the place of honour being reserved for the offering placed there by the members of the Nightingale Training School at St. Thomas' Hospital.

The gifts presented by Miss A. M. Bushby, the Chairman of the History Section of the British College of Nurses, at the recent meeting of the Council, are of great interest and value, and include a charming letter heading of Lea Hurst, the home of Florence Nightingale, reproduced on page 119; an autograph letter of Queen Victoria addressed to Mr. Sidney Herbert, and through him and Mrs. Herbert transmitted to Miss Nightingale, and a tribute from Miss Nightingale to Agnes Jones.

AUTOGRAPH LETTER OF THE QUEEN.

Perhaps, since the commencement of the campaign, no document has found its way to the public so gratifying in its nature as that which we here subjoin. The earnest expression of her Majesty's anxiety for the brave men who have been wounded in the service of the country will have the best effect in the Army; it will console the unfortunate who have already suffered, and animate to increased exertion their comrades who have hitherto escaped the accidents of war.

"Windsor Castle, December 6th, 1854.

"Would you tell Mrs. Herbert that I begged she would *let me see frequently* the accounts she receives from Miss Nightingale or Miss Bracebridge, as *I hear no details of the wounded*, tho' I see so many from officers, etc., about the battlefield, and naturally the former must interest *me* more than anyone.

"Let Mrs. Herbert also know that I wish Miss Nightingale and the ladies would tell these poor noble wounded and sick men that **NO ONE takes** a warmer interest, or *feels more* for their sufferings, or admires their courage and heroism **MORE** than their Queen. Day and night she thinks of her beloved troops. So does the Prince.

"Beg Mrs. Herbert to communicate these my words to those ladies, as I know that *our* sympathy is much valued by these noble fellows.

(Signed) "VICTORIA."

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TRIBUTE FROM FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE TO AGNES E. JONES.

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"It is proposed to erect on the spot where she died perhaps the grandest religious statue ever sculptured by mortal hands—Tenerani's Angel of the Resurrection—as a fitting memorial of her work, and a type of the hope to come. Shall we not also build up living statues to her? Let us add living flowers to her grave, 'Lilies with full hands'—not fleeting primroses, or dying flowers. Let us bring the work of our hands, and our heads, and our hearts, to finish her work which God has so blessed. Let her not merely 'rest in peace,' but let hers be the life which stirs up to fight the good fight against vice and sin, and misery and wretchedness, as she did—the call to arms, which she was ever obeying:

'The Son of God goes forth to war,

Who follows in His train?'

O daughters of God, are there so few to answer?
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

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