

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Temporary Headquarters,
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New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A.
February 12th, 1940.

THE PASSING OF MISS MARGARET BREAY.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick,
National Council of Nurses of Great Britain,
19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, England.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—It is with a realisation of loss to the profession that I send to you an expression of sympathy in the passing of Miss Margaret Breay, who was your side partner for so many years.

As President of the International Council of Nurses, may I offer, on behalf of the members, our deep regret in losing one of our oldest and most devoted associates. Miss Breay's name has been actively connected with the Council since its inauguration and she has given to its work her most loyal support for over forty years. She has ever been an outstanding figure in International Nursing, and it is with a keen sense of bereavement that we here record our sorrow.

We will miss our companion when we meet again, but we are thankful for the contribution she has made to nursing, and we honour her among us as an old and true friend who has finished her work and has gone to her reward. Miss Breay has passed on to fulfil another mission for which through strict adherence to duty she has been preparing herself during her long and active life.

As one of your close associates in daily life, you will miss her as will no one else, particularly since you have had to meet another and serious personal tragedy during recent weeks. To you, dear Mrs. Fenwick, we send profound sympathy and affectionate regards.

Very faithfully yours,
EFFIE J. TAYLOR, *President.*

OUR FOREIGN EXCHANGES.

Since the declaration of War, our Foreign exchanges, the Journals owned by national organisations and edited by professional nurses, with few exceptions, have come regularly to hand, and it is with the sincerest pleasure that we note they are for ever on the up grade. There are at least a score of such journals, and in England alone, it would appear, there is profit to be made by trade nursing sheets—a deplorable admission of lack both of professional acumen and appreciation of professional status.

"THE INTERNATIONAL NURSING REVIEW."

We heard recently from Miss Anna Schwarzenberg, who is now at Geneva, but not associated with the International Red Cross, as she had hoped to be. We sincerely hope that her great talents will be available for some constructive work.

Miss Schwarzenberg during her term of office as Executive Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, was resident for two years in London, and she was exceedingly happy with us. We are reminded of her happy relations with the Board of Directors of the I.C.N. by the reception of the last issue for the time being of its official organ, *The International Nursing Review* just to hand. The Review is suspended temporarily after the completion of Vol. XIII., and we shall miss it greatly, as it has always been truly international in spirit and beautifully produced.

Our National Council of Nurses has secured the whole series of this publication, and had them beautifully bound, so that whatever happens in the future, we shall possess a complete file of *The International Nursing Review*. A future generation of nurses interested in nursing history will, we feel sure, eagerly study the thirteen volumes of this official record.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.**MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was held at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Friday, March 1st, 1940, at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, was in the Chair, and there were present:—Miss S. A. Villiers, Hon. Secretary; Miss G. M. Littleboy, A.R.R.C., Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., Vice-Presidents; Miss M. F. Hughes, D.N., Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss Helen Dey, O.B.E., R.R.C., Miss H. McLoughlin, Miss E. E. P. MacManus, O.B.E., Directors; Miss M. S. Cochran, R.R.C., President, Matrons' Council of Great Britain; Miss M. B. Monk, C.B.E., R.R.C., President, Royal College of Nursing; Miss G. V. Hillyers, President, Nightingale Fellowship, St. Thomas's Hospital; Miss M. Wilmshurst, President, Association of Queen's Superintendents; Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C. President, University College Hospital Nurses' League; Miss Mabel Reynolds, President, London Hospital League of Nurses; Miss E. Cockayne, President, League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses; Miss W. P. Solomon, R.R.C., President, League of Fever Nurses; Miss M. Bonthron, President, Radcliffe Guild of Nurses; Miss M. K. Blyde, President, King's College Hospital Nurses' League.

Miss S. A. Villiers, Hon. Secretary, read the Minutes of the last Meeting, which were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee stood to receive the notification of the deaths of the following members of the Executive Committee, and a Founder Member of the International Council of Nurses:—

Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, National Council of Nurses;

Miss M. B. Salton, President, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, Nurses' League;

Miss M. Stuart Gray, R.R.C., President, St. George-in-the-East Hospital Nurses' League;

Miss D. E. Bannon, C.B.E., President, L.C.C. School Nurses' Social Union;

Miss M. Huxley, Founder Member, International Council of Nurses.

The Chairman deplored the loss of these ladies, and paid high tribute to the pioneer work of Miss Margaret Breay and Miss Margaret Huxley, over many years.

Regrets for absence were received from many members of the Committee, 36 being unable to be present.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

The Chairman said the only business arising out of the Minutes referred to a communication from the Royal College of Nursing at the Annual Meeting, criticising her conduct of business, and signed, with others, by nine persons not present at the meeting. She had requested evidence of statements made, and had received the reply that her communication had been received.

No further action had therefore been taken.

CORRESPONDENCE.**Civil Nursing Reserve.**

The following letter was read from the Ministry of Health.

Ministry of Health,
Whitehall, London, S.W.1.
January 31st, 1940.

CIVIL NURSING RESERVE.

MADAM,—I am directed by the Minister of Health to state that he has had under consideration the position under war conditions of the Civil Nursing Reserve.

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