

THANKS FOR RESOLUTIONS.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.
Gratitude to the Fighting Forces of the Empire.

AIR MINISTRY,
KING CHARLES STREET, WHITEHALL, S.W.1
September 13th, 1941.

MADAM,

I write on behalf of Sir Archibald Sinclair to acknowledge your letter of the 12th September. Sir Archibald would like to take this opportunity of conveying to you in the name of the Royal Air Force the deep appreciation which all members of the Service feel for the magnificent work and unflinching self-sacrifice of the nursing profession in the present war.

Yours truly,
R. MANDLING,
Private Secretary.

ADMIRALTY, S.W.1.
September 14th, 1941.

The Private Secretary, by the First Lord's direction, acknowledges the receipt of the President's letter and enclosure of September 12th, conveying the Resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting of Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses on the 10th September, 1941.

WAR OFFICE,
WHITEHALL, S.W.1.
September 17th, 1941.

DEAR MADAM,

The Secretary of State asks me to thank you for the copy of the Resolution, expressing gratitude to the Fighting Forces of the Empire, which you were kind enough to send him.

Yours truly,
EDWARD GRIGG,
Private Secretary.

DEATH OF MISS JEAN ISABEL GUNN, O.B.E., LL.D.
The Canadian Nurses' Association.

VANCOUVER GENERAL HOSPITAL,
VANCOUVER, B.C.
August 29th, 1941.

To MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK, S.R.N., F.B.C.N.
President, BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,

I wish to thank you on behalf of the Canadian Nurses' Association for your very thoughtful letter of sympathy from the British College of Nurses on the great loss we have experienced by the death of Miss Jean I. Gunn. Miss Gunn's death has created a personal loss to many as her generosity and professional interest in individual nurses was not confined to Canada. Her great example is indeed a tribute to her memory.

As you know, she was always forthright and courageous, and her passing leaves her contemporaries bereft of a very dear friend, and the profession at large of a great leader.

With my personal thanks for your thoughtful letter and with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,
GRACE M. FAIRLEY,
President, CANADIAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

Who murmurs that in these dark days
His lot is cast?

God's hand within the shadow lays
The stones whereon His gates of praise
Shall rise at last.

J. G. WHITTIER.

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE REGISTERED NURSE.

Representatives of Registered Nurses' Organisations have been invited to form the Special Committee authorised at the General Meeting of Fellows and Members, on September 10th, together with Members of the Council of the British College of Nurses. The Committee will have under consideration the protection of the Legal Status, Rights and Privileges of Registered Nurses, as provided under the Nurses' Registration Act of 1919.

The first meeting of the Committee took place on Wednesday, September 17th, at No. 19, Queen's Gate, London. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, was in the Chair, and gave a short résumé of the strenuous 30 years' demand for legal status and statutory education for trained nurses from 1887 to 1919—when the Government of the day at last brought in Bills for the purpose of nursing organisation for England, Scotland, and Ireland, which received the King's assent in December, 1919, since which time statutory education and legal status have been in force under the authority of deputed Nursing Councils.

Mrs. Fenwick pointed to the two very handsome volumes of "The Register of Nurses" on the table, containing the names of nearly 100,000 Registered Nurses who had conformed to the standards required. She calculated that as the preliminary demand for legal status had cost at least £20,000, the two imposing scarlet records on view might be valued at £10,000 apiece. What the pioneers had worked and paid for must be tenaciously preserved for the benefit of Registered Nurses and the sick whom they serve.

The President then read a letter she had addressed to Lord Horder—the Chairman of a Committee set up by the Royal College of Nursing for the consideration of the Nursing Services, especially the control of the Assistant Nurse—which college approved the registration of a semi-trained nurse to be controlled by the General Nursing Council, the Governing Body of the highly-qualified Registered Nurse. There was free discussion as to the policy and activities of the Special Committee for the protection of the legal status of the Registered Nurse and a consensus of opinion on the following principles and policy:—

(1) That safe standards of nursing must be maintained for all classes of sick people.

(2) No recognition by Parliament of semi-trained women to care for the helpless poor segregated in Public Institutions, or elsewhere.

(3) No association of the semi-trained "Assistant Nurse" with the well-qualified Registered Nurse, by the General Nursing Council, which the latter entirely finance, as the Treasury has no financial responsibility whatever for the upkeep of the General Nursing Council, its Headquarters, or the issue of the Register of Nurses.

(4) No control of the economic conditions of Registered Nurses by the Royal College of Nursing, or by a conjoint committee of lay and medical employers, as provided in

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