

in New York and substantiated the reports of Japanese atrocities. These reports of murder, neglect of the dead, starvation and suffering of our soldiers and people are heartrending. Mr. Marsman emphasised the violence of Japanese hatred for the British, and recounted an incident at the Stanley Hospital, Hong Kong, "when a British doctor was bound and forced to witness the rape of a number of British nurses, after which his throat was cut."

How about it? We invite Registered British Nurses to unite and to publicly protest against this specially appalling crime.

What has been done cannot be undone; but we connive at this abasement of womanhood unless we publicly repudiate it.

"MISSING—SINGAPORE."

All our sympathy goes out to the relatives of brave men notified "Missing—Singapore," which appears daily in the Press. Alas! the fate of some will never be known—best so perhaps. . . .

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

THE "IMMORTALITY CALENDAR."

SOUTH AFRICAN TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION (Suid-Afrikaanse Opgeleide Verpleegsters Vereniging).

HEADQUARTERS:
46, CHURCH STREET,
CAPETOWN.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,—

Thank you very much indeed for the "Immortality Calendar" for 1942 which you so kindly sent to the above Association, and I will be so grateful if you will convey the thanks of our Association to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain for their kind thought.

There are many in this country now who are suffering sore bereavement, and Christmas time found many very sad homes in South Africa. In many ways we have a great deal to be thankful for, as we have not suffered from bombardment or any terrible experiences of that nature and we are proud of the dear folks in the homeland who have set us such a wonderful example of courage and endurance. We hope and pray that the end of this appalling destruction of human life may come soon and that we may all be given strength to endure to the end. Our mails are rather irregular and sometimes very delayed, but it is amazing that we get them at all, and we certainly owe a great debt to the British Navy as well as to many others who are helping to keep the old flag flying. With many good wishes to you and all our colleagues for all they are doing.—Yours very sincerely,

B. G. ALEXANDER.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W., on March 27th. Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

Business arising out of the Minutes.

At the meeting of Council on February 27th, a letter had been read from the British College of Nurses asking the Council to define its policy in regard to the question of the Assistant Nurse, to which a reply had been forwarded.

A further letter was read from the British College of Nurses reminding the Council that in 1939 the Council, in reply to a letter from the Ministry of Health, had

approved that a Roll of Assistant Nurses be established in the manner suggested.

The Chairman said that this was quite true, the Education Committee had had a discussion on the Interim Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services, and expressed its opinion; and the wording of the reply to the British College of Nurses had given rise to misapprehension, but that really the reply was quite correct. It was agreed that a further reply be forwarded to the British College of Nurses in the sense that the Council had not been approached by the Minister of Health.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £625 for weekly salaries, £100 for postage stamps, and £40 for Insurance stamps were allowed.

Registration.

Applications for approval for Registration were: General Register by reciprocity, 5; Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses by examination, 10. Total 15.

It was agreed that 310 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that the scheme of affiliation between the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, London, and the Royal Free Hospital, London, and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, be approved for a period of two years or for the duration of the War, whichever is the less.

It was agreed that arrangements be made, through the Prisoner-of-War Department and through the External Department of the University of London, to enable Prisoners of War to enter for the Written Part of Part I of the Preliminary Examination, and that no fee be charged unless the candidate at a later date is in a position to complete the Preliminary Examination, when the fees for the whole Examination will be payable.

Disciplinary and Penal Cases.

It was reported that the Council's Solicitor has been instructed to take action under Section 8 (1) of the Nurses' Registration Act against two persons who have falsely represented themselves to be Registered Nurses; one case has been heard, when the person was bound over in a sum of £5.

The Council then considered *in camera* an application for the restoration of a nurse's name to the Register, and information received in respect of a Registered Nurse.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for April 24th.

The correspondence, including a letter, dated March 27th, 1942, will be submitted to the Council of the British College of Nurses on April 23rd.

In the meanwhile we do not agree with the Chairman of the G.N.C. that the former communication on the matter under discussion was quite correct.

See Report of G.N.C. meeting in our issue for March, 1942.

LONDON WARSHIP WEEK.

Dear Old London! Was there ever such a City? Battered she may be, but up she comes pouring out gold like water. The Lord Mayor announced, on April 2nd, that the grand total raised for war savings during London's Warship Week was £146,065,225. The original target was £125,000,000.

A mere surplus of twenty-one millions!

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