

who largely control the training and economic stability of Student Nurses, and by the Royal College of Nursing, should receive the serious consideration of every Registered Nurse who values the privileges which she now enjoys under the administration of the Nurses' Registration Acts of 1919. This is a question which it is the duty of every Registered Nurse to carefully consider, when she cannot fail to realise the injury to the sick and the disastrous result to her professional status and well-being by such competition.

Short Report of the Proceedings of the Special Committee for the Protection of the Legal Status of the Registered Nurse.

The Special Committee for the Protection of the Legal Status of the Registered Nurse was appointed at the last Annual Meeting. Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., was elected Chairman.

This Committee has met five times, and has been actively engaged in communicating with various authorities dealing with the question of the Registration of the semi-trained Assistant Nurse.

At the second meeting which was held on October 2nd, 1941, further action was agreed dealing especially with the Economic Status under the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, when the financial support of Registered Nurses in maintaining the General Nursing Council was emphasised, and it was pointed out that upwards of three-quarters of a million pounds had been contributed for this purpose.

Obituary.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the deaths of the following members, whose sincere interest in the work of the College has done much to establish it, and whose loss is deeply mourned:—

Miss Gladys Mary Allbutt, S.R.N., F.B.C.N.
Miss Silvia Helen Vian, S.R.N., F.B.C.N.
Miss Margaret Ann Charles, S.R.N., M.B.C.N.
Miss Jane Thornton Ruddy, S.R.N., M.B.C.N.
Miss Eliza Hannah Scholes, S.R.N., M.B.C.N.

Miss Macdonald's Calendar Fund.

Owing to the generosity of Miss Isabel Macdonald, a number of members of the College received a Christmas gift from the profit of her beautiful Calendar for 1942, "Immortality." The sum generously given was £15.

It is impossible to express how greatly this handsome gift was appreciated by those nurses who are far from affluent, and the happiness which her unique talent and indefatigable labours made possible.

Statement of Accounts.

A statement of accounts was presented, the audited accounts will be presented later at the end of the financial year.

Appointment of Auditors.

Messrs. Reeves, Gothard and Farries were re-appointed auditors for the coming year.

Welcome to New Councillor.

The President welcomed the new Councillor, Miss Gladys M. Hardy, S.R.N., D.N., (Lond.), Fellow, and wished her a successful term of office; in presenting her with a nosegay of pink and blue sweet peas, she thanked her for active and very useful service as a Fellow.

Miss Hardy expressed her pleasure on her election, and hoped to be a useful member of the Council; she expressed thanks for the lovely flowers.

Resolutions Adopted.

The following Resolutions which had been submitted to the Council were adopted at the General Meeting.

I.

Thanks to the Fighting Forces of the Allied Nations.

That the Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., in General Meeting assembled, desire to express their gratitude and admiration to the fighting Forces of the Allied Nations, for their valour and sacrifice in the cause of humanity.

II.

Demand for internment of Japanese nationals at liberty in Great Britain.

Proposed by the President from the Chair.

That this Meeting of Registered Nurses having learned through Parliament and the Press, with the utmost horror and indignation of the raping of white women, including trained nurses, by barbarous Japanese soldiers at Hong Kong, demand that the Government shall without further delay, intern, under drastic supervision, the hundreds of Japanese nationals still at liberty in Great Britain.

III.

Petition to the Minister of Health to Receive a Deputationⁿ of Registered Nurses.

That the Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., in General Meeting assembled, petition the Right Hon. Ernest Brown, M.C., M.P., Minister of Health, to receive a deputation to place before him their reasoned objections to the degrading of Nursing Standards by the proposal to register semi-trained Assistant Nurses.

The Minister of Health having received a Deputation from the Association of Hospital Matrons in support of degrading, this Meeting is of opinion that the rank and file of Registered Nurses should be permitted to express their considered reasons for opposing those of the Association of Hospital Matrons, whose privileged economic position would not be affected by competition with the semi-trained Assistant Nurse.

The International Council of Nurses.

Our members are kept in sympathetic touch with the International Council of Nurses through THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and we have to thank the President, Dean Effie Taylor, R.N., for her invaluable work in maintaining contact with the constituent organisations throughout the world, as far as possible during war.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman, for which she expressed thanks.

The Meeting then terminated.

After inspecting the various rooms exquisitely decorated with flowers, all of which had been offered as gifts, tea was served in the Secretary's office, at which Miss Bryson, and the clerical staff presided.

NURSING AT THE NATION'S SERVICE.

As we go to press, the 1942 Biennial Convention of American Nurses is being held in Chicago—lovely city on the shores of blue Lake Michigan, and promises to be a red-letter event. The theme of the Convention, "Nursing at the Nation's Service," is one in which every patriotic nurse in the allied countries is deeply interested.

Had not war conditions made it impossible, the British College of Nurses would have been represented by delegation.

It is now close on half a century, in 1893, that the first nursing conference held in the United States, took place at Chicago, in the year of the World's Fair, at which we were invited to be present.

From this meeting emanated international relationships between trained nurses, and it foreshadowed the organisation of the National and International Councils of Nurses.

The programme of the present Conference includes matters of great interest, and many eminent nurses are taking part. Hospitality, as usual, in U.S.A., will be offered to colleagues from afar—would that we could be included!

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