

Parliament, if needs be, must be instructed that any deficit in the organisation of the Assistant Nurses Roll must be supplemented by the State and not by Registered Nurses' fees.

Meritorious Services Recognised.

The Council decided to raise the salaries of Miss Maude Angel, Chief Clerk, and of Miss Beatrice Bowering, Accountant, and expressed their satisfaction in doing so. Both ladies have been on the staff from 1926, when the College was founded, and have rendered very expert and meritorious service daily, at some risk throughout the raids, since 1939.

Provision for New Lease if Necessary.

The Council decided to make provision for a new lease, if necessary, on the termination of the present lease, by the investment of £200 annually in National Bonds, and to instruct its Bankers to purchase these for the account of the College, and to debit its account with the cost of the same.

Election of Fellows and Members.

The applications received being in order were approved.

Next Meeting of the Council.

It was agreed that owing to excess of duty in December, the next meeting of the Council should be held early in the New Year, 1944.

The meeting then terminated.

Tea was served in the Secretary's office, and those present realised that the work of the College during the past year had been singularly successful—a handsome income secured to it—and it is to be hoped a fair field and no favour at the Ministry of Health under intelligent administration.

KEEP OUR SAILOR MEN IN MIND.

Writing from the Nurses' Home, St. Mary's Hospital, W.2, Mrs. Thurburn sends thanks to the clerical staff of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., "for the beautifully knitted sweaters you have so kindly made. The demand is greater than ever" and she offers to provide wool for more. Nurses who have time should communicate with Mrs. Thurburn; we all owe a great debt to "those who go down to the sea in ships" and provide us with so many comforts in these hard times.

God give us grace to depend on him; so shall we not doubt victory, for our cause is good.—SIR FRANCIS DRAKE to Sir Francis Walsingham, July 31st, 1588.

THE LEAGUE OF FEVER NURSES.

The Committee of the League of Fever Nurses finding it difficult to arrange meetings for the Members under war time conditions, wishes to assure them that their interests are being actively watched.

The Hon. Secretary, Miss H. McLoughlin, S.R.N., 10, Cecil Road, Muswell Hill, N.10, will be pleased to hear from any members, or R.F.N.s, who would like to join the Association.

It is most necessary owing to the various authorities which are now projecting schemes for the training and service of Fever Nurses, that they should unite, define and adopt the conditions they are prepared to accept. Compulsion such as advocated by Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, concerning tuberculosis training should be strenuously opposed.

THE LEAGUE'S FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

"Great oaks from little acorns grow."
Behold our Tree, firmly rooted; widely branching;
Rich in seedling twigs;
All its purposes and lifework beneficent and beautiful.

LAVINIA DOCK.

When we need confirmation in our conviction of ultimate justice in nursing progress we turn to the *American Journal of Nursing* for renewed courage to carry on, in present-day depreciation in Great Britain where, for the time being, we are being governed by ignorance and self-interest.

Thus in the August issue of the *Journal* we find a most inspiring report of the League of Nursing Education's Fiftieth Anniversary held recently in Chicago, which, do not let us forget, is but a few hours away by air!

For those who will not see this inspiring report we quote a few letters addressed to Miss Hawkinson, the Secretary, which she read to the conference:—

I only regret that I am unable to be present to listen to the report of the unique work for the evolution of nursing efficiency which has resulted from the activities of half a century of the League, as I am unable to recall any social movement of greater value to humanity. I heartily congratulate those privileged to promote its invaluable work.

In following visions inspired by dreams for the world's redemption, the nurses of these two continents may touch stars and constellations and surely conquer worlds unknown. Let them unite for such purpose. . . .

Very cordially yours,

ETHEL GORDON FENWICK, Founder I.C.N.

Out of the present state of chaos of the world a new era is dawning, and with its emergence there will be a renaissance of nursing. It will bring full justification of the distinctive services of the League, its maintenance of high standards in nursing education, with emphasis on quality. With the knowledge and experience it has gained in 50 years, it has also acquired wisdom to apply in practice those high principles it is developing for the preparation of nurses for a greater service to humanity.

Nursing is a ministry that has spiritual values, and it offers an approach to the divine example of Him who "went about doing good. . . ."

With faith and loyalty, believe me,
Sincerely your friend,

LYSTRA GREYER.

MY DEAR FELLOW-CITIZENS AND FELLOW-NURSES,

My hope and wish for you is that you hold fast to that all-inclusive attitude of mind and heart that is known as "internationalism," and that when war ends you will again welcome our fellow-nurses from all countries.

Especially I hope, as I have hoped ever since the first World War, that union will be made between ourselves and the nurses of the Soviet Union. Will the time come when there shall be no "enemy nations"? You as educationalists can help bring *this time*, and I am sure you will.

With affectionate greetings and all good wishes.

L. L. Dock.

The League's work from the beginning has been to encourage, support, and advance every effort, every movement, which would add to the power of nurses to carry on their truly great work in the preservation of human life and the advancement of human strength.

It has made constant study of the persons, places and institutions able to contribute to this end, and thus strengthen and enlarge the boundaries of their *own* knowledge as well as of those with whom they are connected.

Nothing, of course, can take the place for nurses of a rich and ample experience in their own field, as diverse as forms of sickness can provide.

But it is even more important that students of nursing shall be so prepared by intellect as well as by education to understand what they see, what is before them, what is involved in it. . . .

Faithfully and affectionately,

M. ADELAIDE NUTTING.

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