

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF NURSING EDUCATION.

We have received with a sincere sense of appreciation and gratitude the following communication from the President of the National League of Nursing Education:

1790, Broadway, New York, U.S.A.

June 24th, 1943.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK, S.R.N., F.B.C.N.,
President, The British College of Nurses, Ltd.,
19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, England.

MY DEAR MRS. FENWICK,

Your inspiring message to the League on its Fiftieth Anniversary was read at the Anniversary dinner, and the President was instructed, and counts it a great privilege to do so, to thank you for your greetings, and to send to you our affectionate good wishes.

Sincerely Yours,

STELLA GOOSTRAY, *President.*

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.

A meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses Ltd. was held on Thursday, July 15th, 1943, at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, at 2.30 p.m. The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, presided.

After prayers had been read, the Minutes were agreed and signed, and the following business transacted.

Correspondence.

A large number of letters were received and considered.

The letters of thanks from seven Fellows and Members, acknowledging with sincere gratitude financial aid towards loss through enemy action, were received with pleasure. Not only homes and goods, but health had suffered severely in several cases. The Council wished to be acquainted at once should colleagues suffer damage from enemy action in the future.

Information from the Women's Publicity Planning Association notified an important Public Meeting to be held *re* Equal Citizenship for Men and Women, to be held on September 4th, at the Central Hall, Westminster, at 2.30 p.m. Platform tickets had been sent, and others ordered. The business would be to consider the Equal Citizenship (Blanket) Bill, a matter of vital importance to Registered Nurses after the manner in which their professional status has been ignored by the Minister of Health in driving his Nurses' Bill, 1943, through Parliament.

The National Council of Women of Great Britain.

Communications from the N.C.W. notifying the Annual Meeting to be held in London on October 7th and 8th, in the Great Hall, British Medical Association, Tavistock Square, W.C. 1.

Congratulations were sent to Miss S. Lambe Irving, R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S., on having been decorated by the King with the R.R.C.

Financial Statement.

A satisfactory Financial Statement was presented, considered and adopted.

Educational Grants.

An interesting discussion took place on Educational Grants, and it was agreed to further consider the educational facilities specially useful to members. Travelling Scholarships would be available after the termination of the war, as in the opinion of the Council nothing could be more educative than association with people of other nationalities, nor more enjoyable than travel in foreign lands.

Election of Councillors.

The application forms of new Members of Council were considered and agreed.

The termination of office of Miss A. M. Bushby, S.R.N.,

Miss Elizabeth Martin, R.R.C., S.R.N., Fellows, and Miss Hussey, S.R.N., Member, was greatly regretted. The College owes them sincere thanks for their interest in its work for the past three years' term of office, and it is hoped they will serve again on a future occasion.

The Nurses (Scotland) Bill.

The President reported the progress of the Nurses (Scotland) Bill promoted by the Secretary of State for Scotland, which was bitterly objected to by many Registered Nurses in Scotland. This Bill is almost identical with that thrust on Nurses in England and Wales — without their knowledge or consent.

The Annual Meeting.

It was agreed to hold a Council Meeting on August 26th, to consider the Report to be presented to the Annual Meeting, which would be summoned to be held at 19, Queen's Gate, London, on September 9th, at 3 p.m., at which it is hoped that all who are able to do so will attend. A Reception and tea will be held at the termination of the Meeting.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LENDING LIBRARY.

"Surgical Ward Work and Nursing," by Alexander Miles, M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.S. (Ed.), in collaboration with G. F. Nuttall, R.G.N., D.N. (London University).

"Midwifery for Nurses," by Douglas Miller, M.D., F.R.C.S. (Ed.), F.R.C.P. (Ed.), F.R.C.O.G.

"War and Disease," by Ralph H. Major, M.D.

"A Guide to Anatomy," by E. D. Ewart.

"After-Care and Rehabilitation," by various authors, with an introduction by Professor F. R. Fraser, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., edited by Sir Humphrey Rolleston, Bt., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P., and Alan Moncrieff, M.D., F.R.C.P.

"Materia Medica for Nurses," by W. Gordon Sears, M.D.(Lond.), M.R.C.P.(Lond.).

TO REGISTERED NURSES.

State Registered Nurses who wish to maintain their professional status should join the British College of Nurses Ltd., the Fellowship and Membership of which is restricted to highly qualified State Registered Nurses. The College is endowed with funds allocated to it by the late Miss Ethel Mary Fletcher, and will do all in its power to prevent the deterioration of nursing standards, made possible by the enrolment of semi-trained women as provided through the recent legislation for England and Wales, and for Scotland. Apply for information to the Secretary, British College of Nurses, Ltd., 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7. Personal interviews by appointment, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WE MUST FIGHT FOR EFFICIENCY FOR THE SAKE OF THE SICK POOR.

As soon as the two Nurses Acts, 1943, for the de-grading of nursing standards in England and Scotland are put into force, and we know what we have to face to recover efficiency and professional status attained under the Nurses' Registration Acts, 1919, of which Registered Nurses have been deprived, we shall have to fight for them step by step with courage and self-sacrifice.

The London County Council has, we are informed, already taken three important hospitals over—now used as training schools for Registered Nurses. The trained staff and students are being scattered, and these institutions are to be used, it is stated, for segregation of chronic cases to be nursed by Assistant Nurses.

As we all know, many chronic cases require very skilled attention and care, and in the past it has been proved that herding these sufferers together with unskilled nurses, is cruel and unjustifiable.

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