

on March 24th, 1943, he will find that no debate whatever took place upon finance.

"When the late Minister of Health came to Clause 4, he informed the House that 'It had to do with fees,' and hurriedly proceeded to the next Clause, number 5.

"Under these circumstances we Registered Nurses feel that Parliament had no opportunity of discussing this question in open debate, and I feel sure the present Minister of Health cannot sympathise with such methods of legislation.

"Under these circumstances, we Registered Nurses, who realise the injustice of Rule 19 of the Nurses Act, 1943, will constitutionally proceed to invite its amendment."

The Council of the College decide to take Constitutional Action.

Having carefully considered the correspondence with the Minister of Health, the Council decided to give as much publicity as possible to demanding justice for Registered Nurses, whose money was being used by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales for purposes for which it was not originally subscribed.

Correspondence.

A large number of letters were reported on various subjects, some specially interesting communications were read from the Dominions, and replies agreed.

Assistant Nurses' Uniform.

After discussing a letter from a Superintendent of a Maternity Home, it was agreed to communicate with the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and ask if there are any regulations concerning the uniform of Assistant Nurses, or if they are at liberty to wear any dress in the sick room they choose, including that of superior officers—matron, sister, staff nurse or student nurse; and also if they were entitled to use the title of Sister if they choose to do so?

Communication from Royal Borough of Kensington agreeing to reduction of rates owing to destruction of premises.

Letters (a) re damage compensation for furniture, (b) first-aid repairs to house, concerning which proposals were agreed.

Letters re grants: Four monthly grants to members with limited incomes were agreed, as were grants in aid of study at the University of London and elsewhere.

Letters of regret from members re enemy damage to College—and offering help.

Greetings from Miss G. M. Hardy to her colleagues on the Council, from Belfast, where she is strenuously engaged as Matron of the Mater Infirmorum Hospital.

Congratulations to Miss Katrine Fogarty, S.R.N., upon her appointment as Matron of the Whipps Cross Hospital.

Financial Statement.

A very satisfactory financial report was presented. Subscriptions and dividends to the amount of £2,766 5s. 8d. having been received. Expenditure, including benevolent grants having amounted to £151 13s. 7d. in the past month, £200 had been invested towards the purchase of a new lease when necessary.

Every Fellow and Member had been supplied with a monthly copy of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, the policy of which was entirely professional, and which gives all the publicity possible to the demand for just financial conditions for Registered Nurses.

Date of Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the Council should meet on Wednesday, May 17th, at 2.30 p.m.

The meeting then terminated and tea was served in the Secretary's office as usual.

NURSES AT THE FRONT WITH THE RED ARMY.

By Colonel S. N. BAGDASARYAN, of the Red Army Medical Service.

Soviet women have been working as nurses and surgeons at the front since the very outset of the war and have displayed exemplary devotion to duty.

Once a group of German Tommy-guns penetrated behind one of our advancing units and entrenched themselves. When one of our men fell wounded, Nina Lysak started crawling up to him as he lay between her and the Germans. She was about to get a bandage from her kit when she noticed two big Germans coming towards her, Tommy-gun in hand. The girl looked about for help but there was nobody near by. Suddenly she noticed two hand grenades on the belt of a dead soldier, and without losing a moment, seized one of them, hurled it, and killed both Germans on the spot. She proceeded to dress the man's wound. Lifting her head she saw three more Germans running towards her, but the second hand grenade, deftly thrown, laid them low, too. This is only one of the many incidents concerning this young Soviet girl whom the Government recently decorated with the Order of the Red Star.

Young Maria Panchenko is another example of the patriotism shown by our nurses. At the age of 16 she graduated from a nurses' training school, and since the outbreak of war she has been on active service. Many men owe their lives to this brave girl. Under cover of darkness she often makes her way into enemy-occupied territory and returns with our wounded men. Up to now she has removed from the battlefield 200 wounded men, together with their weapons.

Zinaida Georgievskaya is a surgeon at a field hospital, and for her skill and the leadership she has shown in getting wounded men safely away under heavy attacks, has been decorated with the Order of the Red Banner.

Many girls worked at the front during the defence of Sevastopol. Marusya Yaromenko, a girl in her 'teens, worked as a nurse in the surgery and even performed blood transfusions with shells bursting near by, and often worked 24 hours at a stretch.

In the history that will be written about the defence and battles of Stalingrad, the name of Marusya Kukhar-skaya, a nurse who left school to volunteer for service with the Red Army, will not be missing. She removed 348 wounded from the battlefield; day and night this girl followed behind our troops rendering first aid to the wounded and bringing them in. Many a defender of Stalingrad owes his life to her.

Nurse Fedoria Putina has been awarded the title of Hero of the Soviet Union for her self-sacrificing work under fire. She, too, has been working at forward line medical stations since the beginning of the war. Danger means nothing to her when it is a question of saving the life of a Red Army man.

Another nurse, Fedosia Anukhtina, recently won the Order of Lenin for gallantry in rendering first aid to the wounded on the battlefields.

Soviet women in the medical service are rendering invaluable aid to the army, inspiring the men by their fearlessness and devotion.

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