

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Now that the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain has decided to resume association with its colleagues internationally, a Meeting of the Grand Council has been summoned by the Executive Committee to meet on Friday, June 29th, at 2.30 p.m., at Riddell House, St. Thomas's Hospital, London.

The Agenda will include a short Report, the election of the honorary officers, and the transaction of such other business as may be necessary. The audited accounts, which are very satisfactory, will be presented.

The National Council of Nurses is indebted to the courtesy of Miss G. V. L. Hillyers, O.B.E., Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital, for permission to hold the meeting on June 29th, at Riddell House.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, S.R.N., Founder of the International Council of Nurses and of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, has refused nomination to any honorary office, as she is of opinion that the younger generation of Registered Nurses should realise their professional responsibility in National and International relations.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.

THE BEDFORD FENWICK MEMORIAL.

In the last issue of the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* it was announced that the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., had decided to inaugurate a Memorial to Dr. Bedford Fenwick, its originator, and the founder, together with Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and other National and International Associations of Nurses.

A sub-committee which will give consideration to the matter has not yet been organised nor any decision taken. It is hoped that now that we can claim Victory in Europe that this matter will receive early consideration. In the meanwhile, pleased as we are to receive letters of approval, we would suggest that subscriptions should not be sent at present.

The following expression of approval from an old friend is received with sincere gratitude:—

"In this month's *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* is a suggestion for a Memorial to Dr. Bedford Fenwick. It is with the greatest pleasure that I send a contribution for I can see him in his robes at every annual meeting giving his Report and words of encouragement, and I think he would be disappointed in the attitude of mind regarding nurses to-day.

I hope I am not a pessimist, but we as a profession seem on the downward grade, for we *do* want *nurses*—not medical students.

Should the time come to start a Home for Nurses, who have borne the burden and heat of the day, I will gladly send a subscription realising what kindness has been shown to me. I have a corner and a window and am full of thankfulness."

GRATITUDE IS A GRACEFUL VIRTUE.

DR. JOHN TREMBLE.

Founder of the South African Trained Nurses' Association.

The following interesting information concerning the life of Dr. John Tremble appeared recently in the *South African Nursing Journal*.

DR. TREMBLE'S CAREER.

Born in Cockermonth, Cumberland, on March 15th, 1889, John Tremble first came to South Africa as a small boy when his father accepted a teaching appointment in a Boer concentration camp. Returning to England, he was educated at St. Bee's College, Cumberland, and at the Royal Hospital of St. Bartholomew's, London, where he took the Matthew Duncan gold medal. He graduated from the University of London, and afterwards spent some time as house surgeon at Portsmouth and Cambridge before coming to East London, in 1912, as Resident Medical Officer of the old Frere Hospital. Two years later he started in private practice at Cathcart. From 1915 to 1918 Dr. Tremble was in the South African Medical Corps. After two years' service in East Africa, he returned to the Union as major in charge of the Fort Knokke military hospital at Woodstock. After the war he went into partnership with the late Dr. Bruce-Bays, and subsequently practised on his own in East London until, a few years ago, he accepted the appointment of Medical Superintendent of Frere Hospital.

He was the founder of the City Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and throughout his career he devoted a great deal of time and energy to training both volunteer and professional nurses and to improving their conditions of service. Early in the last war he collaborated with the late Lady Crewe in raising a considerable sum of money to assist nurses proceeding overseas on military service.

After the last war Dr. Tremble's interests were captured by the British Empire Service League and he fought for and obtained justice for thousands of men who served in that war. Nothing was too much trouble for Dr. Tremble when it came to furthering the interests of ex-Servicemen, and to the very last he took a leading part in the affairs of the B.E.S.L. He was local chairman for a great many years, and at the time of his death was East London representative on the Central Executive.

In 1916, Dr. Tremble married Miss Violet Margaret Bruce-Bays, who, with their children, Mrs. Nonnie Cross and Miss "Pinkie" Tremble, both radiographers of King's College, London, survive him. Dr. Tremble's mother is also living at Worthing, in Sussex.

"Johnnie" Tremble, as he was known to an extremely wide circle of friends and admirers, was a man of many parts and many interests, and in all of them he possessed the talents and qualities that make for greatness, if they are unaccompanied by the desire for personal gain and aggrandisement. "Johnnie" Tremble had no such desire. His chief concern was to improve, not his own conditions, but the conditions of life of the less privileged, and to this end he sacrificed many opportunities for personal advancement and a great deal of his time and energies.

Pre-eminent among Dr. Tremble's many likeable qualities was his capacity for friendship and his unfailing cheerfulness. If he was ever dull or despondent, he never showed it in company and it never prevented him from doing the job to which he had set his hand. He had great courage and great fortitude, as well as great ability in his profession and as an organiser. At all times a good companion, he was witty and amusing, but when dealing with the serious affairs of life he exhibited both wide knowledge and deep understanding; and in expressing his thoughts he was equally at home on the platform or with a pen in his hand.

Eloquent testimony to the popularity of Dr. John Tremble and to the esteem and affection in which he was

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