

DELEGATES ENTERTAINED.

The delegates were entertained by Miss Hillyers with a sumptuous tea, all sorts of tasty cakes which were greatly enjoyed by those who had taken part in a somewhat strenuous meeting. As is well known, St. Thomas's possesses a *cordon bleu* not to be surpassed in the hospital world.

NURSES' CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT.

The News Letter of the Nurses Christian Movement is always of an elevating nature, and July 1945 gives the following inspiring advice:

"The bells of victory have sounded in our ears, and the horrible nightmare of slavery and concentration camps in Europe is coming to an end; though how long it will take Europe to recover from the disease and degradation left behind we dare not think. In Britain we are thanking God for a great deliverance, remembering as we do so those who have given their lives that we might live, and others who have lost those who were dearer than life. Nor do we forget some belonging to us who are still serving in the Far East, and we shall continue to pray for them. It is clear already that the end of the war in Europe does not mean the end of our troubles. The only hope for the future of mankind is the Christian Gospel, and those of us who call ourselves Christians have need to do some clear thinking and wise planning. Let us not sit down and complain that we have been born into such a world, but go on our knees and thank God that He has "matched us with His hour. . . ."

We are glad to note that the Nurses' Christian Movement is receiving substantial financial support as its range of activities is world wide, especially the Missionary Work overseas. The Report states "We have again closed the year with a balance on the credit side of the Account and are deeply grateful to all our members and friends for their continued help and kindness."

"N.C.M. is faced with a different kind of situation from that with which we were confronted in 1939. Then we saw disillusionment and lethargy, which changed in an incredibly short time to expectancy and new life. Now we shall tend to relax—many of us need to relax. But we cannot afford to sleep because our message, which was urgent at the beginning of the war, is all the more urgent now, for paganism is growing.

"Being aware of this, we began our N.C.M. year with a new venture of faith by adding another Travelling Secretary to our Headquarters Staff.

"Now we are looking forward.

"Let us not be discouraged. The God Who has been so clearly in our midst during these years will not desert us now. He still commissions us to feed the hungry, and He will provide the food."

"Our want received into His hands
Shall rich abundance prove."

L. TOPPING.

The National Council of Women of Great Britain are holding a Jubilee Conference, 1945, on Thursday, October 18th and Friday, 19th. No doubt there will be an enthusiastic attendance of Delegates.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.**THE COUNCIL MEETING.**

A Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was held on Thursday, July 5th, at 19, Queen's Gate, London, at 2.30 p.m. Prayers were read by the Hon. Secretary, Miss A. Stewart Bryson. The Minutes were confirmed and signed.

Death of Mr. B. A. Woolf.

The President reported with the sincerest regret the recent death of Mr. B. A. Woolf, the solicitor to the British College of Nurses, Ltd., to whose solicitude and kindness it was deeply indebted. She proposed that an expression of the sorrow of the Council be conveyed to his family.

This was unanimously agreed.

Correspondence.

Interesting communications were received.

1. From the General Secretary of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children acknowledging subscription of £10 to the Memorial Prize Fund associated with the name of the late Miss A. M. Bushby, S.R.N.

"Dr. Bellingham-Smith and his colleagues on the Board of Management are indeed grateful to the College for the enthusiastic way in which they have supported this proposal, both by the notices published and by the grant made.

"My Board of Management will be particularly appreciative of your indication that further help might be forthcoming, if needed, to complete the amount we have in mind. I am sure you will be pleased to hear the fund is making good progress."

From Sir Waldron Smithers, M.P.

Thanking the President for bringing to his notice the *Medical Press and Circular* containing Dr. Hadley's article on "The Future Training of Nurses," a subject in which he is taking continued interest.

Copies of Sir Waldron Smithers' book "Socialism Offers Slavery" were available.

It was agreed that the Council would consider further activity concerning Nursing Politics as soon as possible after the assembling of the new Parliament.

Letter from the Royal College of Surgeons.

The following letter was read from Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, in reply to the communication sent recently from the British College of Nurses Ltd. to the Presidents of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons, Physicians and Obstetricians bringing to their notice the de-grading of Registered Nurses through the Nurses Act, 1943, now being put into active operation by the Minister of Health, and inviting the Royal Colleges to take action in the matter:—

Royal College of Surgeons of England,
Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.2.

The Secretary,
British College of Nurses, Ltd.,
19, Queen's Gate, S.W.7.

DEAR MADAM,—Your letter in regard to the regulations proposed by the Minister of Health which would lead to the recognition of the title of "Christian Science Nurse" was considered sympathetically at the Standing Joint Committee of the three Royal Medical Colleges. They found it impossible to intervene effectively in the matter, but were very anxious to support the British College of Nurses in all matters in which the freedom of the profession seemed to be endangered. They were of opinion that it would be advisable to maintain closer and more regular contact between the representatives of the Nursing Profession and the Royal Medical Colleges when by united action undesirable developments might be effectively opposed.—Yours sincerely,

ALFRED WEBB-JOHNSON, *President.*

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