

stations most of all, and longed unutterably for more news than we were able to receive. But oh, how very precious our dear Lord became to us who love Him. Tongue can never tell what priceless lessons of His wisdom, love and tender care for us that we day by day learned at His hand. Never have we had a more intimate sense of His constant companionship and the deep and profound loving wisdom that was in all His ways with us. Looking back now, many of us say we would not have missed all the inner spiritual communion that came to us in these circumstances for any time of freedom. We missed our Chinese friends very much, and when the gates were opened at last on the second day of peace and our Japanese guards had left us, how glorious it was to see Chinese friends stream in with faces alight with joy and hands full of gifts. We have really been overwhelmed with kindness from China. I have been out for the week-end and visited three busy hospitals, where the Matron of each is one of our Chinese Nurses, and in each I was so lovingly welcomed and feted by the nurses."

The portrait of Miss Gladys E. Stephenson, R.N., F.B.C.N., and Mr. James Lui, Vice-President of the Nurses' Association of China, was presented in this journal before the war, in April, 1939. Let us hope this released prisoner will soon send home a new portrait. Her many friends will also long to welcome her in Great Britain, and give practical expression to their affection, when she arrives this summer.

WHAT TO READ.

MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "Livingstone's Last Journey." Sir Reginald Coupland.
- "Siegfried's Journey." Siegfried Sassoon.
- "Time Remembered." Dr. Anthony C. Chaplain.
- "Up the Stream of Time." Viscountess Byng.

FICTION.

- "Bedelia." Vera Gasparly.
- "The Pursuit of Love." Nancy Mitford.
- "Keep My Secret." Jane Dorset.
- "Crying at the Lock." Adeline Rumsey.
- "I am Your Adventure." Viola Castang.
- "The Safety Catch." G. F. Hughes.
- "Miss Bunting." Angela Thirkell.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- "The Wisdom of the Fields. H. J. Massingham.
- "Songs and Lyrics from the English Playbooks." Collected and Edited by Frederick S. Boas.
- "The Story of the American People." C. F. Strong.
- "Murder and the Married Virgin." Blett Halliday.
- "Socialism Offers Slavery" Sir Waldron Smithers.

MEDICINE.

"Rehabilitating the Tuberculous." F. R. G. Heaf and J. B. McDougal. With a Foreword by Her Grace the Duchess of Portland. Practical information for the general reader about the origin, growth and development of the science of rehabilitation of the tuberculous. In addition to an account of the active measures used to restore the patient to whole or partial health, the progress of the disease is briefly described from its onset. Final chapters deal with the patient's chances and opportunities of a return to normal life and employment; the necessary after-care; and general problems of the future in tuberculous rehabilitation.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W.1, on December 21st, 1945.

Regret was expressed at the illness of Miss G. E. Davies, the Registrar, who has undergone a major operation.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved and the sums of £1,600 for Weekly Salaries, £500 for Postage, £100 for Insurance Stamps, and £15 for Petty Cash, allowed.

A letter dated 12th November, 1945, from the Minister of Health was considered regarding the proposed fee to be charged for the issue of a Certificate to qualified Sister Tutors and the question of a charge being made for the original Certificate of Registration and for the Uniform Permit.

The Finance Committee having noted the Minister's decisions, reaffirmed the views already expressed by Council, and agreed that these points be discussed at the meeting to be held with representatives of the Minister; a detailed financial statement in regard to the issue of Sister Tutors' Certificates will be prepared.

Estimates were accepted for 200 Copies of the Register of Nurses for 1946 at £6,240 11s. 5d.; for Stationery, £156 6s. 6d.; for Assistant Nurse Stationery, £34 12s. 11d. and £32 5s.

Registration.

A draft reply was approved to the Minister of Health in reference to correspondence which has taken place with the Matron-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, regarding members of the Nursing Service who have been prisoners of war and who were therefore unable to apply for admission to the List of Nurses set up under Section 18 of the Nurses Act, 1943, before April 22nd, 1945, the date on which the List was closed.

A letter was considered dated November 12th, 1945, from Mrs. Spice, Kowloon Hospital, Hongkong, in regard to the work done by British nurses interned in Hongkong. The Committee wished this letter brought to the notice of the Council.

Applications for approval for registration were:— General Register by examination 410, by reciprocity 9; Supplementary Part of the Register for Male Nurses by examination 2; for Nurses for Mental Diseases by examination 6, by reciprocity 7; for Nurses for Sick Children by examination 30, by reciprocity 1; for Fever Nurses by examination 94, by reciprocity 5; total 564.

It was agreed that the names of 124 Nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

List of Nurses.

It was agreed that 9 General Nurses, 1 General Nurse by reciprocity, and 3 Fever Nurses be admitted to the List of Nurses.

Education and Examination.

A letter dated November 12th, 1945, from the Minister of Health, referred by Council on November 23rd, 1945, in reference to the proposed Rules concerning post registration parts of the Register for Tuberculosis and Orthopaedic Nurses and the minimum age of entry of Student Nurses to training. The Committee noted the Minister's decisions and agreed that these points be discussed at the meeting to be held with representatives of the Minister as approved.

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