

We have pleasure in quoting from a few of the many letters Miss A. Stewart Bryson received lately:—

"I just want to tell you how much I enjoyed the Registration Birthday Party, and your excellent address.

"I know that I, personally, have always felt inspired in following, in my small way, our great leader, the late Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and may her spirit inspire the oncoming generation of nurses, and help them on to a clearer understanding of the glorious work of nursing."—C.B.

"I was really thrilled when I read about the International Council of Nurses having its headquarters at No. 19, Queen's Gate. It's just the very best Memorial to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick! Truly "No. 19" is a fitting shrine for her vision and message."—P.S.

"More and more, as I see events taking place, do I feel proud of the College, and glad that we have such loyal people taking care of our interests. After reading THE JOURNAL OF NURSING I post it to Peshawar."—S.R.

### Scholarships for State Registered Nurses.

The Joint Committee of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and the British Red Cross Society is offering 25 Scholarships of £300 each for the Session 1949/50 to State Registered Nurses to enable them to take the following post-graduate Courses:—

Nursing Administration; Public Health Nursing Administration; Sister Tutor; Health Visitor Tutor; Industrial Nursing Administration; Industrial Nursing Tutor; Dietetics.

The Scholarships are intended to cover tuition and examination fees and maintenance during the period of training which takes less than a calendar year in most cases.

The Joint Committee wishes to encourage candidates of a high standard of education and of hospital experience to qualify for responsible posts in the nursing profession. Applications for forms should be addressed to Mrs. Barry, Secretary, Joint Committee of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and the British Red Cross Society, 12, Grosvenor Crescent, London, S.W.1, and completed forms must be received there not later than January 31st, 1949.

### Retirement of Miss Helen Dey, C.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N.

The retirement of Miss Helen Dey, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, is announced.

The nursing school over which Miss Dey has presided was founded in 1877, and exactly fifty years afterwards the Governors appointed a trainee of this famous school to become its Superintendent of Nursing, when Miss Dey's application was successful in 1927.

On completing her training, Miss Dey was appointed Sister at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, London, and from 1914-1916 served as Sister in Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., later being mentioned in despatches and being awarded the Royal Red Cross.

Miss Dey gained further experience by working in Detroit, U.S.A., from 1921-1925, and later served as Assistant Lady Superintendent at the Leeds General Infirmary.

President of the Association of Hospital Matrons, Chairman of the Education and Examination Committee of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and an ardent member of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Miss Dey has contributed much to the nursing profession.

We wish her a happy retirement.

### 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., on Wednesday, December 22nd, 1948, at 2.30 p.m.

Miss D. M. Smith, O.B.E., Chairman, presided.

#### Finance.

Bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £3,300 for five-weeks' salaries and Inspectors' expenses, £12,000 for Examiners' claims, and £500 for postage, allowed.

#### Education and Examination.

It was agreed that the whole-time Course of Instruction and Training of one year's duration for the Sister Tutor's Certificate, approved by the University of Manchester, for the session 1948-49 be similarly approved by the General Nursing Council; also the Course of Instruction by the University of London at University College, Hull, be similarly approved.

Training Schools were granted provisional approval for General Nurses and Male Nurses; Pre-Nursing Courses were approved.

#### Mental Nursing.

Complete Training Schools for Nurses for Mental Diseases and for Nurses for Mental Defectives were approved.

#### General Purposes.

Promotions of Officers were reported in the Registration Department.

It was agreed that two Accounting Machines be purchased at a cost of £783.

#### Disciplinary Case.

The case of Mrs. Emma Barbara Dawkins, S.R.N. 18904, found guilty of stealing invalid foods, etc., to the value of £1 19s. 1½d., was considered, and the Registrar was instructed to remove her name from the Register of Nurses.

#### Report on Conference.

A Report was presented by the Chairman on the Conference with representatives of Interested Bodies to discuss proposed changes in the Council's existing procedure which took place on December 14th, 1948.

(1) That the proposal to substitute for the annual retention fee an initial registration fee of £3 3s., and for nurses already on the Register a consolidated retention fee graded on a basis of the length of time they had been on the Register, was accepted in principle.

(2) That the proposal to discontinue publication of the printed Register was accepted on the understanding that the manuscript Register would continue to be kept up to date, and the examination pass lists printed and published after each Final Examination, together with a list of nurses registered by reciprocity, nurses whose deaths have been notified to the Council, and nurses whose names have been removed from the Register by Order of Council.

(3) That the proposed increases in examination fees were considered reasonable, bearing in mind the increased cost of the conduct of examinations.

Preliminary Examination, Part I. or Part II. taken separately—£1 10s. to be increased to £1 15s.

Preliminary Examination, both Parts taken together—£2 2s. to be increased to £2 12s. 6d.

Final Examination—£3 3s. to be increased to £4 4s.

(4) That the proposal that the Minister of Health should reimburse the Council for the cost of the inspection and approval of training schools, as far as hospitals within the National Health Service were concerned, be accepted, and

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