

Matron then publicly thanked her staff for another year of devoted work; she told the listeners of the international group of girls training in the hospital; and especially expressed her appreciation of the work of the Sister Tutor and the Administrative Staff.

The happy occasion was concluded by tea being served amid much greeting of old friends and colleagues.

THE MATRON, The National Hospital, Queen Square, London, extends to all Senior Nurses an invitation to attend a series of six weekly lectures on Neuropsychiatry at the hospital, commencing at 6 p.m.

The series will be opened on Monday, August 8th, by an introduction to the subject by Dr. Eliot Slater, and on subsequent Mondays, the subjects will be: Neuroses, by Dr. Eliot Slater; Psychological Symptoms in Neurological Disease, by Dr. J. H. Paterson; Depression, by Dr. Eliot Slater; Schizophrenia, by Dr. J. H. Paterson, and to end the series on September 12th, Dr. J. H. Paterson will deliver a lecture on Prefrontal Leucotomy.

The following list is the completion of the awards made to nurses by His Majesty The King upon the occasion of his official Birthday:—

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

M.B.E.

Junior Commander Alice M. Hey, A.R.R.C., Q.A.R.A.N.C.; Sister Olive E. V. Craig, P.M.R.A.F.N.S.; Miss Mabel H. Bain, Matron, Bignold Hospital, Wick; Miss Ellen Bell, Matron, Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry; Miss W. W. Bowling, Hospital Nursing Officer, Midland Region, Ministry of Health; Miss Margaret Derby, Matron, Ministry of Pensions Nursing Service; Miss Anne E. Fowler, who, at the age of 88 years, is still working as a volunteer nurse at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children, London, where she was one time Sister; Miss Christiana K. Knott, Matron, Salvation Army Mothers' Hospital, Clapton; Miss Jessie Martin, Superintendent Health Visitor, Bolton County Borough; Miss Annie E. Musson, A.R.R.C., for services to Nursing Profession in Northern Ireland; Miss Florence I. Parkin, Home Sister, West Hill Hospital, Dartford; Miss Annie I. Peterkin, Senior Sister Tutor, Ballochmyle Hospital, Ayrshire; Miss Myra Rochell, Matron, Biddulph Grange Orthopaedic Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent; Mrs. Sarah Shaw, Municipal Midwife, Health Department, St. Helens, Lancs; Miss Margaret L. Shearer, School and Child Welfare Nurse and Health Visitor, Zetland County Council; Miss Nora P. E. Shelton, Sister-in-Charge, Men's Surgical Ward, St. Thomas' Hospital, London; Miss Annie Urquhart, formerly Matron, Glasgow Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital; Miss Gwyneth V. Williams, Nursing Sister, Royal Hospital, Chelsea; Senior Nursing Sister Jemima G. Hammond, Northern Rhodesia; Miss Josephine C. Selman, Chief Health Visitor, Georgetown, British Guiana; Miss Jane Sinclair, Matron, Colonial War Memorial Hospital, Suva, Fiji; Miss Mabel G. White, Matron, Bermuda Nursing Home; Miss Mary E. O'Shea, Ashburton, New Zealand; Mrs. Ethel W. T. Pritchard, District Nurse and Hon. Child Welfare Officer, Gisborne, New Zealand; Miss Constance Smedley, District Nurse and Inspector, of Whangerei, New Zealand.

The British College of Nurses, Ltd.

A MEETING of the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was held at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on July 6th, 1949, at 2.30 p.m. The President, Miss Helena McLoughlin, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., was in the Chair, and there were present: Miss M. B. MacKellar, Vice-President; Miss A. S. Bryson, Mrs. Thomas Barber, D.N., Fellows; Miss U. Spon, D.N., Miss Thurnham and Miss A. A. Ward, Members.

Prayers having been read, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Business Arising out of the Minutes.

A large amount of correspondence was reported in connection with the Council's strong opposition to the proposed withdrawal from publication of the State Register of Nurses, recommended in the Nurses' Bill, now before Parliament.

Many sympathetic replies have been received in acknowledgement of their petition which was sent to all members of the House of Commons.

Concerning the position of Registered Fever Nurses under the new Nurses' Bill, as directed at a previous meeting, the following communication was sent to the Minister of Health:—

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.

May 20, 1949.

To The Right Hon. Aneurin Bevan, M.P.,
Minister of Health.

DEAR SIR,—The Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., have had their attention drawn to the omission to any mention of State Registered Fever Nurses in the Nurses' Bill now before Parliament.

As Nurses engaged in the nursing of Infectious Diseases, including Tuberculosis, outnumber Children's Hospital Nurses by a fairly large percentage, the Fellows and Members of this College view this omission with some concern.

My Council realises that the Training of Nurses will be a comprehensive one eventually, and feel sure that you will agree that there should be some safeguard in the meantime for those nurses on the Supplementary Fever Register.

Thanking you in anticipation of your courteous attention in this matter,

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

ALICE STEWART BRYSON.

Hon. Secretary.

In acknowledgement of this communication a satisfactory reply was received from the Minister.

It was reported that a Fellow seeking legal advice had been put in touch with the College solicitor.

Correspondence.

Many letters of grateful thanks for benevolent grants were received, and communications of appreciation—for information concerning nursing in this country—were reported from U.S.A.

Financial Statement.

A satisfactory financial statement was presented and adopted.

Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications for membership were received and all were elected.

International Council of Nurses Conference.

Miss McLoughlin in giving a short résumé of her attendance at the International Conference of Nurses held in

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