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15th May, 1953.

Dear Mrs. Nelson-Williams,

This is, I am afraid, rather a delayed reply to your letter of February 17th, but I have been very busy with Meetings of my Committees during the last few months, and also wished to send with my letter a copy of Midwives Chronicle and Nursing Notes, in which the account of your clinic was published. The Editor, Mrs. Groves, was delighted to publish an account, but could not do it at once. I hope you will like it.

I am also arranging to send you some copies of the Booklet "The Expectant Mother" for the mothers attending your clinic.

I hope you will come and see me when you next visit London, and, in the meantime, send my very good wishes for the great work you are doing in Nigeria.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

Mrs. Olatilewa Nelson-Williams,
S.C.M., S.R.N.,
The Warri Maternity Clinic & Home,
Warri, Nigeria,
British West Africa, (P.O.Box 33).

THE WARRI MATERNITY CLINIC & HOME.

Olatilewa Nelson-Williams
S.C.M., S.R.N.

TELEPHONE No. 43
POSTAL ADDRESS:
P. O. Box 33,
WARRI.

Warri

Nigeria

17th February 1953.

Miss L. N. Riddick,
The Secretary,
The National Birthday Trust Fund,
(for Extension of Maternity Services),
57, Lower Belgrave Street,
London S.W.1.

Dear Miss Riddick,

This is to thank
you very much for your letter of the 20th
November 1952. It was very nice to
hear from you once again.

It gave me untold delight to observe the
repercussions of my letter on your Committee.
Thank you kindly for returning the
correspondence of The Shipping Company. I
am afraid it is such a long time now
that it might not serve any useful pur-
pose to ask you to make a protest on my
behalf in the matter.

Yes indeed, I would certainly like the account and pictures of the Maternity Clinic and Home to be published in The Midwives Chronicle and Nursing Notes; and if there was any more details the Editors would like me to send them through you, I would be very interested to do so.

The copy of the Journal duly arrived for this please accept my gratefulness. The Booklet entitled "The Expectant Mother" is very interesting - some of the Mothers like it & would be very grateful indeed to receive copies if this were possible.

My work is very interesting indeed, for whilst on the one hand some of the mothers are the less privileged ones we have quite a few who are on the sophisticated side, and are co-operative and willing to learn new methods for the improvement of themselves and their unborn child.

Fortunately the husbands and fathers of those in the other group, are intelligent and can pass things on.

I hope in due course when next I am in the United Kingdom to continue my talks to organisations and

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groups, for I am fully convinced that the
more personal touch there is between our
two Countries (etc), the greater the seal
of friendship + comradeship — you leading
& we gently following on.

With every sentiment of esteem
and regard,

yours Sincerely,
A. Nelson - Williams.

P. S. — The question of the cylinders
is still receiving my greatest attention.

30th November, 1952.

Dear Mrs. Nelson-Williams,

I was delighted to receive your letter of September 30th, and it gave me much pleasure to read it to my Executive Committee at our last Meeting. I was asked by my Chairman, Mr. Wm. Penman, my Vice-Chairman, Lady Rhys-Williams, and all Members present to thank you for the very kind references to the work of the Trust and for your personal good wishes. It is very heartening to receive such an appreciative letter.

We are anxious, however, to think that lack of cylinders of gas prevent the full use of the machine. Is there anything we can do at this end to make supplies more easily obtainable for you?

I am returning the correspondence with the Shipping Company. I am so sorry to see you were put to so much trouble and expense. Did you wish me to make a protest on your behalf in the matter?

I was very interested in the account and pictures of your Maternity Clinic. Have you thought of sending them to the Midwives Chronical and Nursing Notes for publication? If you would like me to do so I will approach the Editor, as I know her well.

I am sending you a copy of this Journal, which I am sure you know all about.

Thank you, too, for sending me the copy of "The Daily Times". I was very pleased to see the article about your very valuable work.

Mrs. Nelson-Williams:

(Ctd.)

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With all good wishes for continued success in
your wonderful work.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

Mrs. Olatilewa Nelson-Williams,
S.C.M., S.R.N.,
The Warri Maternity Clinic & Home,
Warri, Nigeria,
British West Africa, (P.O.Box 33). -

P.S., I am enclosing a booklet entitled "The Expectant
Mother"; we should be glad to let you have a
supply of these if you think they would be useful
to you.

THE WARRI MATERNITY CLINIC & HOME.
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Olatilewa Nelson-Williams
S.C.M., S.R.N.

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30th September 1952.

Miss D. N. Riddick,
Secretary,
The National Birthday Trust Fund,
(For Extension of Maternity Services)
57 Lower Belgrave Street,
London S.W.1.

Dear Miss Riddick,

I beg to enclose
the enclosed correspondence between the
Shipping Agents here & myself rela-
tive to The Minette's apparatus &
cylinders of oxygen of 1948.
This correspondence herein enclosed is
self-explanatory & speaks for itself;
& perhaps gives some sort of idea
as to the difficulties & strain with

MISS RIDDICK

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~~which~~ we are confronted.

Doubtless to say by now you will have given up all hopes of hearing from me + may perhaps have thought that I was not worth my mettle at all. I have been struggling on through the years — single handed.

Enclosed also are my pamphlets + recent snapshots of the gas and air apparatus + one of the cylinders — being taught to my attendant, and also to a pregnant mother.

It is difficult to have a snapshot taken of the apparatus in use during labour actually. but I can assure you I have had some splendid results.

You can not imagine my joy at being able to address this letter to you especially to tell you how priceless this oppo-

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status is & how much I am
husbanding the cylinders.

May the National Birthday Trust
Fund flourish from strength to
strength — God bless you & your
committee & all concerned with it;
& the Extension of Maternity Services.

It would be too much
of a sad note to even attempt to
tell you some of the conditions here,
suffice it to say the picture of
the mothers & children at the Club,
will portray how puny children are.
not to talk of how undernourished
too. Both mothers & babies (last
month's children) suffer from vitamin-
sis & malnutrition, (amongst many other
maladies) Be all as they may, we
struggle on with set teeth &
firm determination.

With every sentiment of esteem
& regard.
Yours sincerely
O. Nelson-Williams.

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1. To encourage a high standard of Midwifery and nursing care of Nigerian Women.
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Why you are respectfully asked to support

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5. Because the founder has recently returned from The United Kingdom where she has had expert experience.
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8. Other women too can testify to our precision, up-to-date service and courtesy.
9. Our Patrons are enthusiastic about our welfare.
10. Visiting Consultant is usually The Medical Officer in charge of Warri Province.

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2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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INTERNALLY—

Arrangements are made for internal cases from The Clinic and Beds are booked as desired.

Please do not hesitate, come and see us for advice.

You could also write or ring (telephone).

Fathers and husbands do come and see us about your children and wives—we are at your service

We also arrange a "rest-cure"—which is very good indeed for tired and overworked mothers.

POST NATALLY—

You are encouraged to rest in bed *after baby's delivery*, and all care is taken of you and the baby until it is time for you to go home when you are strong enough.

GENERALLY—

We give general advice and help and will be only too glad to see you at The Clinic.

RELIGIOUSLY—

Our Religious activities shall continue, and the next demonstration will be announced in one of the Clinics.

SOCIALLY—

May we remind you about The Mothers Club. Old members are asked to turn up—and new members are invited—If you have no one to leave the baby with, please come along, and let us all have a good time at the Club.

More details at the Clinic about dates and time.

E. A. OWOLO,

Clerk of "The Home."

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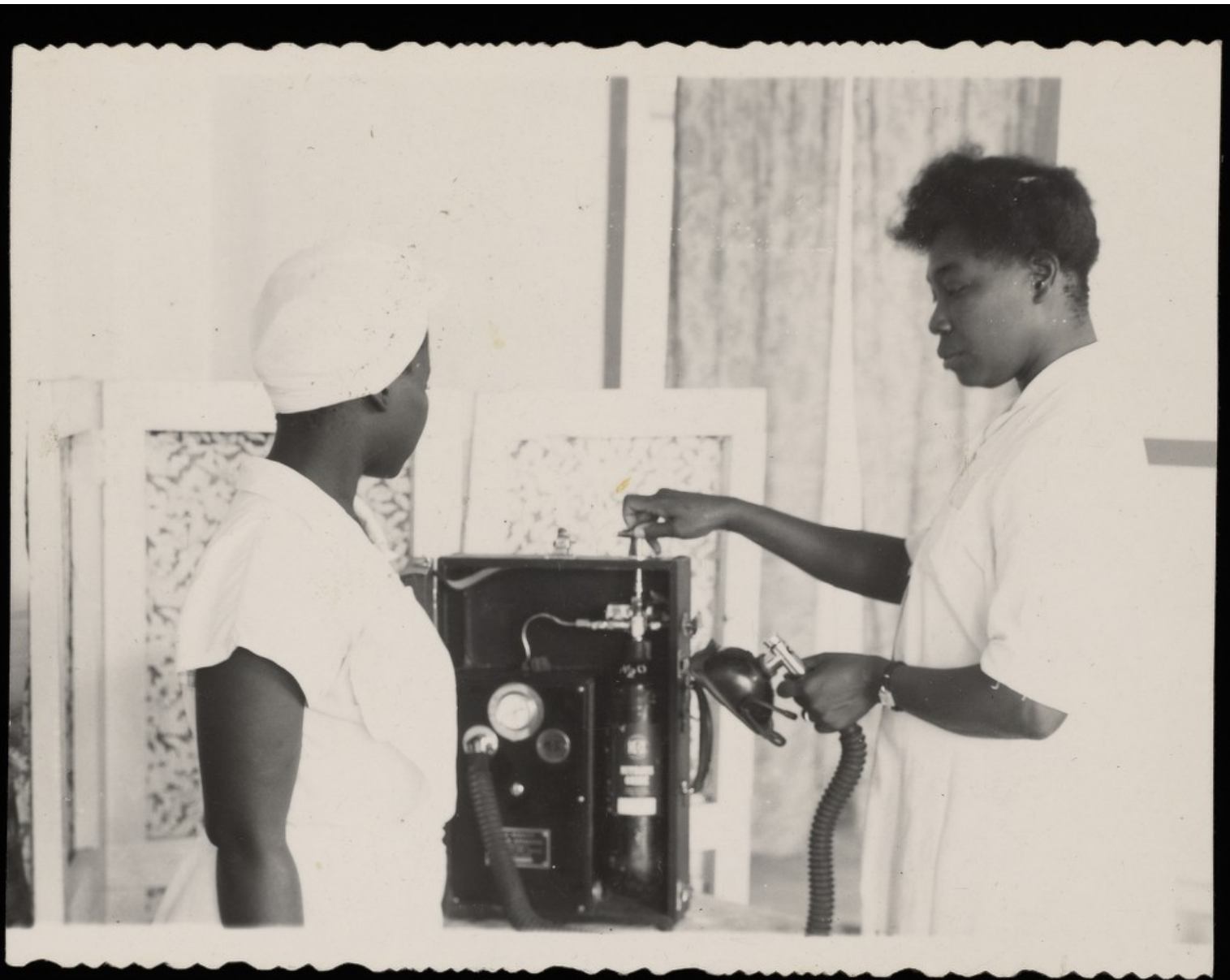
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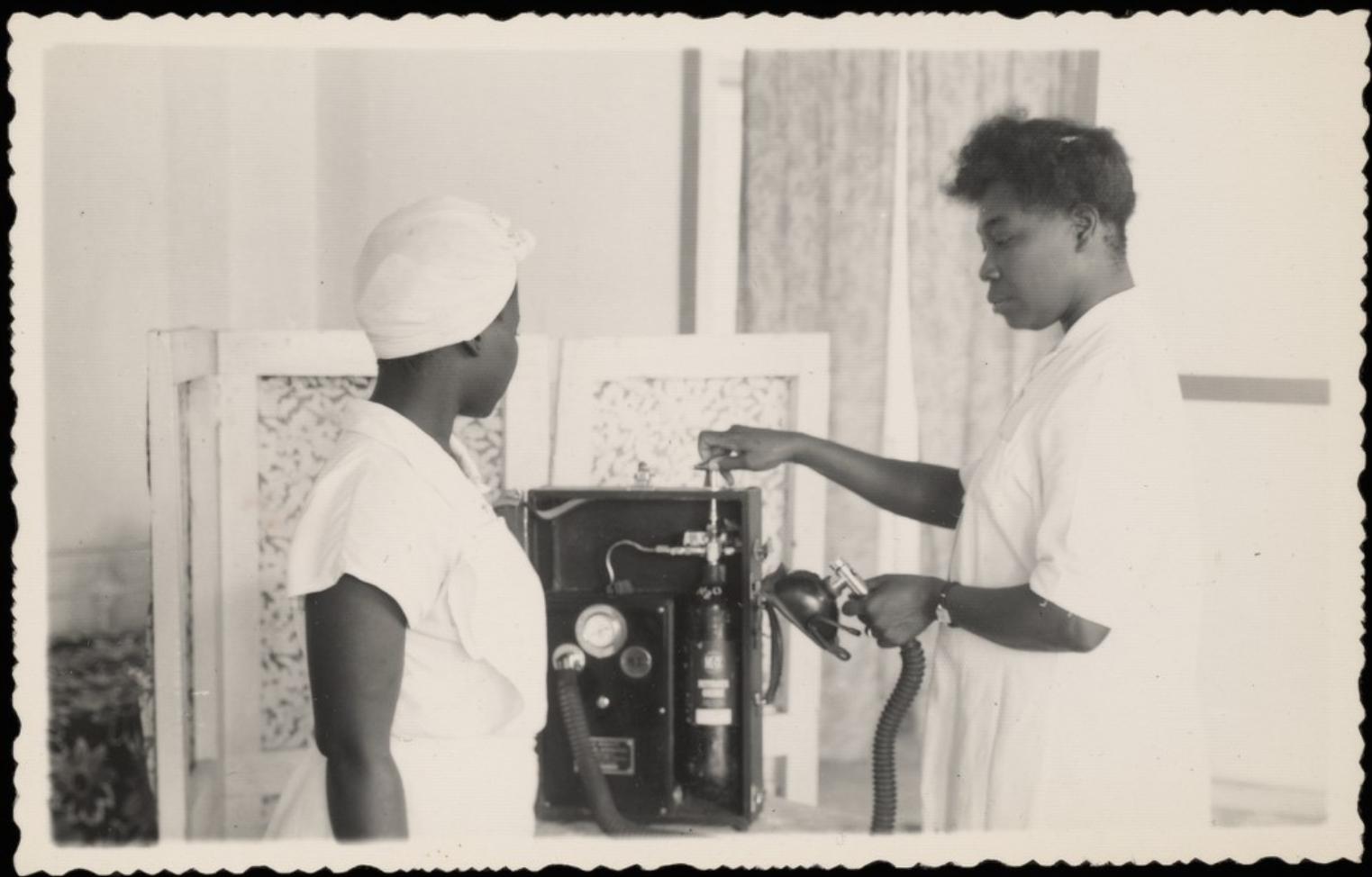
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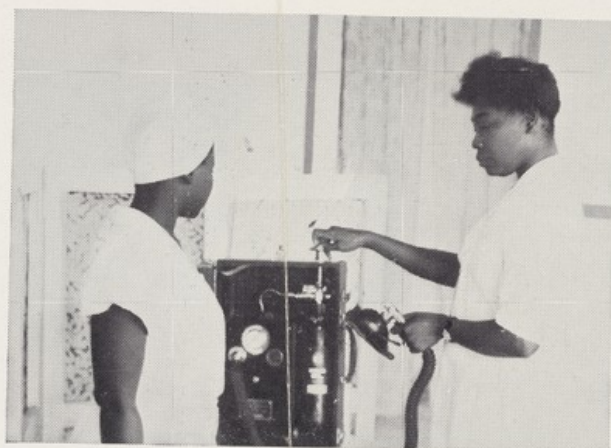












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Rail Workers' Society for—

PUBLISHED in this paper yesterday was the interesting history of the Railway Workers' Co-operative Society. It was a romance of foresight to which we would like to invite the attention of other workers.

The essence of trade unionism is to secure for workers "life more abundant" and to ensure that their last days are spent in security against want and hunger. This need not be achieved by an endless struggle with the employer. It need not be won by resorting to strikes, except in the last resort.

After all, more food is half the workers' battle and, with an animal, it is, indeed, failure to realise this that for generations, brought anarchy and chaos to an otherwise peaceful world.

—“Goodbye to strikes”

But it is not sufficient for the worker to realise this elementary truth. It is rather for him to accept that it is more blessed to give than to receive and that the determination to say goodbye to strikes can release that latent energy of creation capable of bringing happiness to many.

We are not condemning strikes without reserve; but the story of the Railway Co-operative Society is a living testimony to the fact that they are not necessarily the best weapon. Having found that what they got by strikes was quickly taken away by the sharks of society, Railway workers decided to help themselves. Today, their blessing is not a mere satisfaction in the present; it is the hope for a brighter tomorrow, free from the agonies which past errors have sometimes brought.

The Editorial column contains the opinions of the Editor. Articles on this and other pages are the views of the contributors with which the Editor does not necessarily agree.

A NURSE PREACHES BROTHERHOOD

MRS. O. NELSON-WILLIAMS IN GREAT BRITAIN

by A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

HER many duties at the London Hospital where she was a member of the resident staff did not prevent Mrs. Olatilewa Nelson-Williams from taking part in other activities.

The secret is that she planned her every moment and believed in utilising every spare time to the best advantage.

Two years ago, she gave talks to members of the Royal School for the Blind in Lutherhood. She had been well received by the principal and at question time she secured a name for herself among students.

A LECTURER

LATER in the same year, she toured schools in Bath and in London area, giving lectures to pupils under the auspices of the Empire Day Movement, the directorship of Miss Stella Monk and the presidency of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Gowrie. Her singular theme was one of consolidating the bonds of friendship between Great Britain and members of the Empire, particularly those resident in Nigeria.

The only way in which this could be done, according to Mrs. Nelson-Williams, was by fostering the spirit of love and fellowship among schoolchildren in Britain and those of the West.

Already there were many pen-pal communications between one another; it was her hope that as these young friends grew old they would continue the friendship of their early days and thereby live together in the same Empire as brothers one to the other.

In 1950, Mrs. Nelson-Williams once again met friends who were willing to listen to her. She gave a talk to members of the London Group of the Overseas League at the Overseas House, in St. James's.

She spoke about the affairs of Nigeria and put before her listeners the difficulties of the country in which she herself had established a clinic to help mothers and their children. So well did she impress the audience that at the end of the lecture she was invited to be-

come a member of the London Group of the Overseas League.

But this was not the end of Mrs. Nelson-Williams as a lecturer for goodwill within the Commonwealth. In 1951, having qualified as a State Registered Nurse, she spent a great deal of



Mrs. NELSON-WILLIAMS

at the Central Office of Information.

The line she took all the time was emphasised, when, addressing the Rotary Club in London recently, she emphasised:

"Finally, Trusteeship is gradually giving way to Partnership; but much remains to be done before the objective of co-partnership between equals is attained."

"It is your duty here in Great Britain, at the head of the house—the head of this great family—to see to it that this is forthcoming. Until you have provided the necessary facilities to train the myriads of doctors, nurses, school-teachers, engineers, agriculturists, businessmen, scientists, lawyers and others essential to the organisations of separate communities with a vast number of factories,

hospitals, clinics, schools and colleges, until you have made your real progress in the difficult task of setting Nigeria, in particular, and other West African territories, in general, on sound economic footing, you would not have done more than begun responsibilities—for, as I said at the beginning, and perhaps you might permit me to mention again, we are brethren members of this great family of nations."

MRS. O. NELSON-WILLIAMS

—is the proprietress of the Warri Maternity Clinic which she opened at Warri, Western Nigeria, in 1947.

Prior to this she had visited the United Kingdom in 1944 and remained there until December 1946. While there, she was attached to the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies in Woolwich, London. She took a course in Midwifery and took the State Certificate and the Gas and Air Analgesia Certificate.

At one time she was a lecturer at the Central Office of Information and the Empire Day Movement in London.

After a most successful practice in Warri, Mrs. Nelson-Williams again returned to the United Kingdom in 1948 and entered the North-Middlesex Hospital, London, where she obtained her State Registered Nurse Certificate. She returned to Nigeria last year.

Mrs. Nelson-Williams has a son who is a practising barrister in London.

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further these ends, the Association holds meetings, conferences, and lectures, undertakes research and publication, and collaborates with other scientific organisations.

The Association's famous annual meeting is held in principal cities in the United Kingdom and in other parts of the Commonwealth; it has been described as "the Parliament of Science", and as "a peripatetic university that brings science into the market place". The 1952 annual meeting of the Association will be held from September 3 to 10 in Belfast, where former meetings were held in 1852, 1874, and 1902. The 1953 meeting will be held in Liverpool.

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(in CT N.N.) article
possibly to be
published by her

grants when necessary to other Associations for the purchase of machines. Further financial assistance is also being provided to enable investigations to be made by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynæcologists into new types of analgesics suitable for use by midwives.

2. NUTRITION.

Prior to the War, investigations into the effect of improved ante-natal and post-natal nutrition were undertaken in the Special Areas, and grants amounting to £19,000 were allocated by the Government to assist the Fund in this work. Over 21,000 expectant mothers were provided with extra nourishment and vitamins, with excellent results for both mother and child. Full particulars of these results were submitted to the Ministry of Health.

3. INQUIRIES.

Two important inquiries were undertaken before the War, firstly into the position of Midwives (this report forming the basis of the Midwives Act of 1936) and second, into the relation between miscarriages and abortions and maternal mortality in 20 districts and 6 hospitals. Full particulars of the data obtained from this inquiry were submitted to the Inter-Departmental Committee on Abortion.

4. HUMAN MILK BUREAU.

A Human Milk Bureau was opened in co-operation with Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, London, in 1939, the Fund being responsible for the maintenance of the Bureau, and human milk is now being sent to hospitals all over the Country, thus saving the lives of many delicate babies.

5. MATERNAL PROPAGANDA.

Lectures for the instruction of mothers in ante-natal clinics, etc., by the new Synchrophone apparatus are being produced and these are loaned to Maternity hospitals. Leaflets are also being prepared.

6. GRANTS.

Grants have also been made for research into the urgent problem of population, and the causes of still-birth, etc. Grants for special purposes have been made to Maternity Hospitals.

7. GENERAL.

Accommodation has been provided by the Fund at its London Headquarters, 57, Lower Belgrave Street, S.W.1. for the College of Midwives and the Queen's Institute of District Nursing.

Please forgive the very
shocking snapshots etc.
We are about 400 miles from
Lagos - The Capital.

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Olatilewa Nelson Williams
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THE WARRI MATERNITY CLINIC & HOME.

BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED
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Miss H. V. Riddick
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57 Lower Belgrave St.
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Okere Rd.
Warri
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22nd May 1948.

Dear Miss Riddick,

Your letter of 5th May
came to hand - Thank
you so much.

I am afraid, I have de-
cided to keep an appoint-
ment in London sometime
in August, & may be leaving
here perhaps in July -
so would you kindly keep
the gas/air machine that
and if it is recovered?

Please do!

I really can not express

my feelings to you & very
much regret the circum-
stances.

With hopes to see you
sometime during my
stay in London,

Yours Sincerely,

W. J. Williams.

Miss D. V. Riddick,
Secretary

The National Birthday Trust - Fund,
57 Lower Belgrave St.,
London, S.W. 1.

P.S. - If you are interested,
I may be able to tell
you in person - my
experiences as a practising
Midwife out here.

Thank you for posting me
the Booklets - I am
looking forward to re-
ceiving them; I am
sure they will interest
me.

Thank you.

Ed. Johnson Williams

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5th May, 1948.

Dear Mrs. Williams,

Thank you for your letter of April 22nd. I am so sorry to hear about all the trouble you have had and can quite understand how disappointing it is for you to be without the Gas and Air Machine.

I have sent on the copies of the letters you sent to the British Oxygen Company and have asked them to do all they can to have the matter settled as speedily as possible.

I am sending you under separate cover, some booklets I think may interest you.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

Mrs. Nelson Williams,
Okere Road,
Warri,
Nigeria.

OLATILEWA NELSON-WILLIAMS
S.C.M.

OKERE ROAD.
WARRI,
NIGERIA,
BRITISH WEST AFRICA

22nd April 1948

Dear Miss Riddick,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th March for which please accept very many thanks.

The enclosed correspondence between the Shipping Company & myself speaks for itself; & I am really at a loss what to do. This goes to show you the great difficulty under which we work in these parts & speed has no place in our mere existence. This kind of lethargy is emphasized in every wake of life.

Although I have very great interest in my work & try to make the best out of everything yet I am aware you that it is just always that one gets the result one would wish. However we just have to keep carrying on.

Again thanking you so much for your great interest & help.

Yours Sincerely,

Lati. Nelson Williams.

P.S. I have been to Elders Office on several occasions myself. but up till now the Agents can not get the required Shortlanded Certificate.

Needless to say I am very much disappointed &
worried over the transaction & feel so ashamed
of myself before your Committee.

Lat. Johnson

24th March, 1948.

Dear Mrs. Nelson-Williams,

Thank you so much for your letter of March 18th. I am indeed disappointed to hear the Gas and Air Apparatus has not reached you and that the shipping company have been taking all this time to get the necessary documents for you.

I have written to the British Oxygen Company to tell them that the machine has never arrived and to ask them if there is anything we can do at this end to clear up the matter as quickly as possible. I will get in touch with you again as soon as I have heard from the British Oxygen Company.

With my very best wishes for your work,

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

Mrs. Nelson-Williams,
Okere Road.

OLATILEWA NELSON-WILLIAMS
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BRITISH WEST AFRICA

18th March 1948.

Miss D. V. Riddick -
The Secretary.

The National Birthday Trust Fund.
57, Lower Belgrave St.
London S. W. 1.

Dear Miss Riddick,

Thank you so much for your
letter of the 29th January.
I feel really ashamed of myself & do not
know how to continue this letter.
I am sure both you & your Committee
will be disappointed to hear that the gas
and air apparatus did not reach me, only
the cylinders of oxygen. The matter has been
in the hands of the Shipping Company
who have been taking all these months
to get me a Short landed Certificate which
I should send to the shippers in London.

see what they could do in the matter.

I have been struggling on with the Apparatus I brought out, & which is proving Satisfactory.

" I very much regret the whole incident & cannot tell you how disappointed I am. So soon as I hear from The local Shippers here about The Short-handed Letjicate, I might be able to do something & you will certainly hear from me again.

With my very best wishes,

Yours Sincerely,

Late. J. Nelson Williams.

29th January, 1948.

Dear Mrs. Nelson-Williams,

It is now some time since we sent you the gas and air apparatus and cylinders of oxygen. We hope they have arrived safely.

My Committee would be most interested to hear of any results you have had to date.

With good wishes for the success of your clinic,

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

Mrs. Nelson-Williams, S.C.M.,
Agbassa, Warri,
Nigeria, British West Africa.

4th March, 1947.

Dear Mrs. Nelson-Williams,

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of February 22nd. I have at once written to the British Oxygen Company and asked them to despatch the gas and air apparatus to you together with six cylinders of nitrous oxide gas.

I hope the apparatus will arrive safely and prove very successful in your District work. I was very interested to read of your plans for a clinic and I know my Committee will be also.

We shall look forward to hearing from you when the machine has been in use.

With all best wishes for a most successful practice,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Nelson-Williams, S.C.M.,
Agbassa, Warri,
Nigeria, British West Africa.

Secretary.

Olatilewa Nelson-Williams
S. C. M.

P.O. BOX 33.

AGBASSA,
WARRI,
NIGERIA,
BRITISH WEST AFRICA

22nd February 1947

Dear Miss Riddick,

Your letter of the 18th January addressed to Sirera Leone, only arrived this morning, as it had to be re-directed. Moreover mails by surface boats take quite a long time to come through.

Indeed, I really do not know how to thank you for the wonderfully good news your letter contains. The gift of your Committee would be a tremendous help.

Perhaps you would be kind enough as to convey my most grateful thanks to your Committee, for making me this gift of the Complete Outfit of The Gas-Air apparatus replete with cylinders. I am sure I shall be able to put the machine to maximum use profitably for the patients of my district.

You may be interested to know, & may like to inform your Committee, that

having returned bringing with ideas and plans from Britain, at the moment I am busily getting ready the premises in which I hope to begin my clinics. These are situated on a special floor of our spacious dwelling-house. All things being equal, by God's Grace the Clinics may be declared open on the 1st of March D.V.

I expect you will be good enough, to instruct The British Oxygen Company to send me the apparatus together with 6 cylinders of Nitrous Oxide which would be heartily welcomed.

I can assure you that it would be my pleasure & duty to let you know how I get on from time to time.

With very many grateful sentiments,

Yours sincerely,

O. Debon Williams.

18th January, 1947.

Dear Mrs. Nelson-Williams,

Thank you for your letter of January 8th.

I was so sorry we were unable to help you before you left London, but as we are a Trust Fund all matters of expenditure have to be submitted to our Executive Committee, however sympathetic we may be towards the application.

I am glad to be able to tell you that my Committee agreed at its Meeting this week that we should supply you with the cylinders so that the complete outfit should be a gift of this Trust for the benefit of your District.

As soon as we receive your instructions we will ask the British Oxygen Co. to send you the apparatus together with 6 cylinders of Nitrous Oxide.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Nelson-Williams,
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British West Africa.

Secretary.

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54 Waterloo Street
Freetown Sierra Leone
British West Africa.
26th January 1947.

The Secretary,
The National Building Trust Fund.

Dear Miss Piddick,

Thank you for your letter of the 17th December 1946 which has been redirected.

I am sorry you could not help me whilst in London, under the circumstances perhaps we might as well suspend matters until further notice when I get to my destination in Nigeria

Yours truly
W. J. Williams

First fold here →

16 B Wetherby Mansions,
Garb Court Square,
London S.W.5.
20th December 1946.

Miss Riddick,
The Secretary,
The National Birthday
Trust Fund.

Dear Miss Riddick,
I rang you up
twice today but did
not get you.
I wonder whether you
would be so kind
as to return the
enclosures in the letter
I posted you over a
week ago. I further

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that you have not
found it possible
to grant my request.
I hope to leave
for Africa tomorrow

Again thanking you
for your great effort.

Sincerely,

(M). Deborah Williams.

17th December, 1946.

Dear Mrs. Nelson-Williams,

Thank you for your letter of December 12th.

I am so sorry to hear of your difficulties with regard to the supply of gas and air cylinders for the apparatus which we have supplied for you. Unfortunately your letter arrived just after our meeting on December 10th, and I was therefore unable to put the matter before my Committee. I have not power to take the responsibility of guaranteeing a sum of approximately £20. on behalf of the Trust, but I have studied the documents which you enclosed and have written fully to the officers of the Trust.

I am afraid there may be some delay, as most of them are now away on the Christmas holidays, but from the British Oxygen Company letter it appears that the cylinders were to be sent on to you in Nigeria.

Mrs. Nelson Williams,
16B Wetherby Mansions,
Earls Court Square, S.W.5.

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I am returning herewith the various accounts you sent to me, but I have retained the letter and account from the British Oxygen Co. to place before my Committee, and I trust they will see their way to granting your request, when we will take up the matter with the British Oxygen Company *direct*.

With good wishes for a speedy and pleasant voyage,

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

Special Appeal
to

The National Birthday Trust
Fund.

S. O. S.

For

Maiden going In The
jungle.

16B Wetherby Mansions,
Barbours Court Square.
London S. W. 5.
12/12/46

The A. B. T. F.

(For Extension in Maternity Services)

To The Secretary,

Dear Miss Reddock,

Since I last heard
from you, I have been de-
vising ways & means of com-
plying to the requirements
of The British Oxygen Co, &
find it very difficult indeed.
Realising what you have
done for me under ~~existing~~
circumstances one would have
thought it enough. But Miss

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Riddell under the exceptional
circumstances of my case, I
am again turning to you for
help in a special appeal.
You will remember when I
called on you in October I
told you I expected to leave
soon, well I have been
hanging around since, waiting
for a boat, I could not go
back to work for fear I
would be called on at any
time that means money &
I have spent quite a bit
for the extra 8 weeks.
Enclosed are ^{some of} my statement
of the things I have
bought for my practice in
The Bush, enclosed is the

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recent communication from
the B.O.C. I really can
not make it at the moment.
Do please if you could
advance the money for
me so that the B.O.C.
dispatch the parcels, I would
be paying the money back
in monthly instalments
of £3. as from March 1947,
all I can give as a
guarantee is my word
of honour + the endorsed
promissory note.
Appealing to your sense
of aid to suffering humanity
your entire sympathy.
Perhaps you would be

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very kind indeed to treat
the matter as urgent
as I am expected to
leave between the 14th &
21st inst.

Yours sincerely,
W. J. Schellman.

Promissory Note.

The National Birthday
Trust Fund.

I Olaf Olewa Nelsonhillian
do hereby promise on
my honour to pay per
monthly instalment of £3 ⁰⁰
from March 1947 the
sum of £19-9 (Nineteen
Pounds Nine shillings)
advanced the British
Oxygen Company.

16 B. Wetherby Mansions
Gauls Court Sq.
London S.W.5
12.12.46

Address In Africa

Agbassa

Warri

Nigeria

British West Africa.

P.O. Box 33.

21st November, 1946.

Dear Mrs. Nelson Williams,

Thank you for your letter of November 20th.

I am so glad to hear that you have been able to arrange with the British Oxygen Co. for the supply of gas and air cylinders to you in West Africa.

I have written to Mr. Chapman and asked him to send you an M.S.18a gas/air apparatus complete with C.M. attachment. Perhaps you would get into touch with him on the telephone if you have any special instructions with regard to the packing, marking, etc., and also if it should be delivered to you at any special time of the day.

My Committee will be most interested to hear at the next meeting that one of these machines will, before many months, be in use in West Africa, and I shall look forward to hearing from you after you have used it, and you can then no doubt give us some interesting information.

With good wishes for a pleasant journey,
Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Nelson Williams,
16B Wetherby Mansions,
Earls Court Sq., S.W.5.

Secretary.

16B Wetherby Mansions,
Earls Court Square,
London S.W.5-
20th November 1946

The Secretary,

The National Birthday Trust Fund,
57 Lower Belgrave St.,
London S.W.1.

Dear Miss Riddick,

I am obliged to you
for your letter of the 8th November.
I have since been in touch with
The British Oxygen Company & I have
asked the Manager to send me 12
cylinders & gas refills at £2.2.6
= £25.10 + Cost of Cases & carriage
through The Bank of British West Africa
Sapete Branch - Nigeria - to me.
and these will be collected.

As you are presenting me with the
Gas Air Machine, I did not realize
I would have had the expense
of the cylinders & gas & did
not make a margin for this item - Still

if the British Oxygen Co. kindly
 forward the cylinders through the
 Bank the money will immediately
 be cabled; on my arrival home.
 Would you therefore be good
 enough as to forward me with
 the Gas Air Machine. - The New
 Minnitt's Portable with G. M. Attachment. -
 As air I thank you so very
 much indeed for your very
 great help.

Sincerely Indeed.

W. J. Williams.

(Mrs.)

8th November, 1946.

Dear Miss Nelson Williams,

Thank you for your letter of yesterday's date.

I have now heard from the British Oxygen Co. that their Overseas Dept. inform them that supplies of cylinders of Nitrous Oxide gas would have to be sent out from this country. It would therefore be necessary for arrangements to be made for the British Oxygen Co. here to make these shipments, and I think perhaps it would be as well for you to telephone Mr. Chapman of the British Oxygen Co. at ARNold 1234 and discuss with him how this could best be done. He is very helpful, and would I am sure do everything he can for you in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

Miss Nelson Williams,
16B, Wetherby Mansions,
Earls Court Square, S.W.5.

8th November, 1946.

Dear Mr. Chapman,

Thank you for your letter HAC/MV/3 of November 6th.

We are quite willing to give a gas and air machine to Miss Nelson Williams, a West African Nurse who has trained in this country, provided that you can arrange to supply her with cylinders of Nitrous Oxide gas, payment for which of course she would be responsible.

I have asked her to get into touch with you, and if the matter is arranged satisfactorily perhaps you would let her have an M.S.18a with C.M.attachment and I will forward the necessary order.

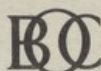
Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

The British Oxygen Co.Ltd.,
East Lane,
N.Wembley, Middx.

TELEPHONE · ARNOLD 1234

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THE BRITISH OXYGEN COMPANY LIMITED

INCORPORATING COXETER & SON LTD. AND A. CHARLES KING LTD.

MEDICAL SECTION

EAST LANE, NORTH WEMBLEY, MIDDLESEX.

HAC/MV/3

6th November, 1946.

Miss. D. V. Riddick,
The National Birthday Trust Fund,
57, Lower Belgrave Street,
London. S.W.1.

Dear Miss. Riddick,

Nitrous Oxide supplies to Southern Nigeria.

We confirm that we have been in touch with our Overseas Department regarding supplies of N₂O to Southern Nigeria, but are informed that supplies would have to be sent from this country. If required, we could of course arrange these shipments.

Yours sincerely,

For H.A. CHAPMAN.

16 B Wetherley Mansions,
Carls Court Square
London S.W. 5
4th November 1946

The Secretary
The National Birthday Trust
Fund.

Dear Madam,

Further to our recent correspondence, I am writing to enquire whether the British Oxygen Co. are letting you know about the supply of cylinders, & how soon it will be possible for you to let me have the gas & air machine as I am due

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to sail at any time
now -

yours Sincerely,
W. J. C. Sullivan

PHONE MESSAGE

From: B.O.C.

B.O.C can send cylinders of gas to W. Africa. There may be somewhere nearer ~~but that~~ in Africa, but more difficult to send. B.O.C finding out about this.

Received at... 4.30 pm...

1 Nov. 46.

16 B Wetherby Mansions,
Barbours Square,
London S.W. 5

1st November 1946.

The Secretary,

The National Birthday Trust Fund
57 Lower Belgrave St. S.W. 1

Dear Miss Riddock,

Thank you very much
indeed for your letter of
the 31st October.

I am so glad that it
is agreed that The Trust
should present me with
a gas & air machine.
I do so hope that
ways & means may

may be open to the
British Oxygen Co. whereby
cylinders may be supplied
to any part of the world.

would you be so kind
as to extend to my best
of gratefulness for the con-
sideration.

Yours Sincerely,
Ch. F. Buchanan

Weldon Williams.

16 B

Wetherby Mansions,
Curio Court Square
London S.W.1

Africa

Okere

Warri. Nigeria.
British West Africa
(P.O. Box 33)

31st October, 1946.

Dear Miss Nelson Williams,

I have consulted with Lady Rhys-Williams, who is one of our Vice Chairmen, and she has agreed that the Trust should present you with a gas and air machine if it is possible for the cylinders of nitrous oxide gas to be sent or obtained in West Africa.

I have been in touch with the British Oxygen Co. and they are letting me know exactly what arrangements are made for the supply of cylinders abroad, and as soon as I have this information I will get into touch with you again.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

Miss Nelson Williams,
16B, Wetherby Mansions,
Earls Court Square, S.W.1.

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25th October, 1946.

Dear Lady Williams,,

I enclose herewith a letter which Nurse Nelson Williams delivered in person this morning addressed to you or the Secretary.

She is a very black West African lady, but full of enthusiasm and simply longing to have a gas and air machine to take to Nigeria for her mothers there. She is returning to Africa any day now, and would of course like to take the machine with her. Do you think she might have one? Of course she wants one free. I think she must have spent all her money on coming from Africa to be trained here. We have given away one or two free ones before to nurses returning to their native countries, i.e. East Africa, India, etc.

Yours sincerely,

Lady Rhys-Williams, D.B.E. Dictated by Miss Riddick.

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H. ROLAND SEGAR,
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

TELEPHONE No.
BARNET 0051 3 LINES.

Please address all enquiries and
answers to Medical Superintendent



Wellhouse Lane,
Barnet, Herts.

Dear Lady Rlys William

Miss Nelson William is going

to the wilds of Africa.

Could you very kindly help her to get a Gas. Air machine
in the C.A. attachment?

She will also want advice about supply of Intra-
Oxide.

Miss Nelson William has been well trained

at Woolwich - will be a great success

I am very sincerely,

John Evans -