

It was decided to recommend to the Council that Grants of £50 be awarded to :

1. Miss Ellen Florence Brownsdon, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., Sister-in-charge, School Treatment Centre, L.C.C., cert. Lewisham Hospital.
2. Miss Isabel Mary Grace Davy, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., Sister Tutor, London Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, cert. St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

It was agreed that the consideration of the applications for the third Grant of £50 be deferred.

Coaching Classes.

It was recommended that Coaching Classes should be available for Nurses in training who feel they need extra tuition, or who have had the necessary training and failed to enter for, or pass, the State Examinations. The Classes will be given to cover the Syllabus of the General Nursing Council, with special reference to the points in which the candidates need instruction.

The List of Equipment and Reference Books for teaching was considered.

It was reported that for the recent Test Paper on Gynæcology seven candidates had entered and that all had satisfied the Examiner. Miss I. G. Kitton gained 145 marks out of 150, and was congratulated by the Examiner on an "almost perfect paper."

The Report was adopted.

Resolution.

The Council received sympathetically, and took action upon a Resolution, incorporating a recommendation, from the class attending Dr. Worster Drought's lectures.

Miss Graham's Report.

During the past month Miss Graham reported she had paid a visit to Bradford at the invitation of Miss Jessie Davies, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., Local Consul, who had organised a most enjoyable meeting at the Royal Infirmary. She had visited ten Hospitals and Nursing Homes, and had also given Lectures on Hygiene and Bacteriology and on the Theory and Practice of Nursing. The Council expressed their thanks and appreciation for Miss Graham's work.

Report of the Sub-Committee to consider Nursing Reform in connection with Poor Law.

A Meeting of the Sub-Committee to consider Nursing Reform in connection with Poor Law was held at the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Thursday, December 6th, at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Lancelot Andrews was in the Chair, and Miss M. G. Allbutt and Miss S. A. Villiers were present.

It was agreed that the following letter should be sent to the Minister of Health :—

To the Right Honble. Arthur Neville Chamberlain, M.P.

Sir,

The Council of the British College of Nurses beg respectfully to draw your attention to the following points relative to Nursing in connection with Poor Law Reform, now under consideration, which they consider of the utmost importance :

1. The desirability of providing for the interchange of the Poor Law Superannuation Allowance and allowances made under approved Voluntary Pension Schemes.

The conditions at present existing regarding the Contributory Pension Scheme for Nurses and Hospital Officers, and the Poor Law Superannuation Regulations, tend to emphasise the cleavage between those Nurses trained in Voluntary and Poor Law Hospitals, as in the event of a Nurse transferring from one Service to the other, the advantage of the premium already paid would be lost.

2. The Council of the British College of Nurses beg to emphasise the opinion that in all positions approved by the Minister of Health where it is considered necessary to employ a Certificated Nurse, she should be a State Registered Nurse on the General Part of the Register published under the direction of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.
3. They would earnestly petition that the General Order of 12th February, 1879, may be rescinded, and no dual appointments made, so that neither officer would be required to resign his or her post on account of the resignation or dismissal of the other officer.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) GRACE REYNOLDS HALE,
Secretary.

Examination of Mental Nurses under the Nurses' Registration Act.

The desirability of uniting with other Societies of Nurses in asking the Medical Committee of the House of Commons to receive a deputation on the question of the Examinations for Mental Nurses under the Nurses' Registration Act was considered, and it was agreed to participate in any deputation which should be formed for this purpose.

Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications were received and the applicants elected.

Financial Statement.

The Chairman presented the Financial Statement of subscriptions from Fellows and Members.

Vote of Sympathy.

The Council received with regret the notice of the death of Miss Lizzie Williamina Inglis Stott, F.B.C.N., Matron of Wellington Hospital, New Zealand, and a vote of sympathy was passed with her sister.

Gifts.

Miss M. E. Misner (a Canadian Fellow) : Picture of Doorway of a Canadian University College, by Owen Staples.

Miss Pearl L. Morrison : Canadian Cushion of Suede Leather with head of Indian Chief painted upon it.

Miss J. W. Davies, Local Consul, Bradford, and the Bradford Circle of Fellows and Members : Box of beautiful home-made sweets for the Council.

Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C. : Prize for best paper on Gynæcology. "The Diseases of Women," by Sir John Bland Sutton and Arthur E. Giles.

Miss Breay : Flowers.

Miss Latham : 5s. for Flowers.

Next Meeting of Council.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council should be held on January 19th, 1929.

The Meeting then terminated.

FIXTURE FOR JANUARY.

January 19th. Council Meeting. 2 p.m.

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