

Miss A. M. Bushby.—Three Autographed Letters by Florence Nightingale, for the History of Nursing Committee.

Miss Spreadbury.—One Autographed Letter by Florence Nightingale for the History of Nursing Committee.

Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C.—“The Life of Olive Schreiner,” by S. C. Cronwright Schreiner. (Isla Stewart Bookcase.) Theatre Tickets.

Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C.—“The Letters of Olive Schreiner,” by S. C. Cronwright Schreiner. (Isla Stewart Bookcase.)

Miss Breay.—Flowers.

INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION.

Notice was given of the First International Congress on Mental Hygiene, to be held at Washington, U.S.A., from May 5th to 10th, 1930, at which it was hoped a representative of the British College would be present.

Of the International Hygiene Exhibition to be held at Dresden, from May to October, 1930—at which the International Council of Nurses would be represented.

Of the quinquennial meeting of the International Council of Women to be held in Vienna, in May and June, 1930, to which representation through the National Council of Women might be considered later.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council should be held on Saturday, February 22nd, at 2.15 p.m. The meeting then terminated.

FIXTURES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH.

February 13th.—Lecture on “Superstition,” by Sir Robert Armstrong Jones, C.B.E., F.R.C.P. 8 p.m. Tea after lecture.

February 20th and 27th.—Two lectures by Dr. Graham Little, M.P., B.A., F.R.C.P., on “Diseases of the Skin.” 5.30 p.m.

February 22nd.—Council Meeting. 2.15 p.m.

March 4th.—Debates: (1) “Should Nurses smoke in Uniform”? Opener of Debate, Miss Henrietta Ballard, M.B.C.N. (2) “Should Animal Pets be kept in Hospital (Cats, Dogs, Birds)”? 8 p.m.

March 10th, 17th and 24th.—Three Classes by the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., on “The Conduct of Business at Meetings,” 5.30 p.m.

All the Lectures are free to Fellows and Members. Admission to non-members 1s.

Those wishing to attend Lectures are particularly requested to notify the Secretary, B.C.N., 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

CLASSES ON THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.

By request the President will give instruction on the Conduct of Public Business at Meetings, and three Classes will be held in the Council Chamber of the College, on March 10th, 17th, and 24th at 5.30 p.m. It is specially requested that Fellows and Members who wish to attend will send in their names to the Secretary by March 1st, and be prepared to attend the three classes.

NOTICE TO FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

As is noted on page 35, it was agreed to consider the formation of Correspondence Classes on the subjects required for the Diploma of Nursing, London University, if a sufficient number desired to attend such Classes. Those who wish to do so should apply to the Secretary, The British College of Nurses, at 39, Portland Place, W., forthwith.

It was also agreed to form Classes, in Elocution, restricted to twelve persons, provided there is a sufficient response. The fee would be £1 1s. per person for twelve classes, the Council defraying the additional cost. It is suggested that the Classes should be held on Fridays from March 7th to April 11th, and from May 2nd to June 6th, from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

LECTURES ON BACTERIOLOGY.

Two extremely interesting lectures on Bacteriology were given by Dr. Arthur B. Rosher, M.R.C.S., Eng., D.P.H. Lond., Director of Charing Cross Hospital Institute of Pathology, on November 26th and December 13th.

Lecture 1. Immunity.

A description of the various kinds of immunity was given. The various anti-bodies were discussed, and the methods of producing them artificially were described.

Finally their value in the prevention and cure of disease was considered.

Lecture 2. Blood Groups.

A history of the early experiments which led up to the discovery of blood groups was given. The method of determining the blood group of a person was demonstrated, and the tests which have to be carried out prior to blood transfusion were described.

The lecturer riveted the attention of his audience and the lectures were deeply appreciated.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

MINISTER OF HEALTH ON BUREAUCRACY.

Mr. E. P. Everest, M.B.E., Barrister-at-Law, Clerk to the Atcham Board of Guardians, in an address at a meeting at Shrewsbury, in reference to the re-organisation of the Hospital Public Health Services, said there was not, and never had been, any elected body in this country so entirely under the control of Whitehall as the Guardians, and it would be interesting to see how the larger authorities liked the meticulous daily interference of the bureaucracy in their work. Would it, he asked, be rash to prophesy that, with the change, the Central Authority would be obliged to divest itself of many of its arbitrary powers?

In this connection it is interesting to note the views expressed by the Minister of Health (the Right Honble. Arthur Greenwood, M.P.) at a special meeting of the Association of Poor Law Unions of England and Wales, held at the Kingsway Hall, Holborn.

The Minister said his theory of local government was a very simple one—give local authorities the maximum power and hit them hard on the head if they did not use it. The worst system of local government was that which existed on meticulous interference and supervision by a Central Department, and, so far from wishing to accumulate new responsibilities and powers, he would be only too delighted if he could get rid of some of them. He was

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