

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The One Hundredth and Fifth Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses, was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, December 14th, 1935, at 2.30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and there were present Miss M. Breay and Miss I. Macdonald, Vice-Presidents; Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss F. M. Campbell and Miss G. Le Geyt, Fellows; Miss H. G. Ballard and Miss E. Eburah, Members.

Prayers having been read by the Secretary, the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING.

Letter of thanks from Mlle. M. Cornet-Auquier, Directrice, Florence Nightingale School of Nursing, Bordeaux, for the message of sympathy and condolence sent by the President and Council on learning of the death of Dr. Anna Hamilton.

Letter from Sir Gomer Berry, Bart., Chairman, The Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W.1, expressing pleasure that the Administration Class appreciated the visit to that Hospital last month.

Letter from Miss C. R. Page, M.B.C.N., sending books to the College, two vols. on "The History of India" and two vols. on the "Indian Mutiny," presented by her grandfather to her great grandfather, J. H. Dodson. "The Tale of a Field Hospital," by Sir Frederick Treves and "Adventures of War with Cross and Crescent," by Philip Gibbs and Bernard Grant.

It was agreed that a warm vote of thanks be sent to Miss Page.

Letter from Mrs. W. L. Gibb, expressing thanks for sympathy sent from the President and Council on the death of her sister, Miss Agnes Ross.

Letter from Miss C. J. Pickard, F.B.C.N., *re* salaries of Trained Nurses and Masseuses, referred from last Meeting for further consideration. It was reported that a letter of enquiry had been sent to Miss Pickard.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Regrets for absence were received from Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., F.B.C.N., and Miss S. H. Vian, F.B.C.N.

Proof of "Important Notice and Regulations as to Pensions" *re* Amendment sent by the Treasurer, Dr. Fenwick, to be finally considered by the Council.

After careful consideration of the proof the Draft was approved.

Letter from a Fellow, stating that she is dissolving her partnership in a Nursing Home and asking for advice as to how to do this from a professional point of view. A reply was sent giving the following points:

1. It will be necessary for you to inform the London County Council of this change of proprietorship in order to be registered by that body.

2. An important point is to send a circular to your doctors and supporters notifying them of this change.

3. That your solicitors should see that the lease of the Home is legally transferred with the consent of the landlord.

Letter from Miss M. C. Grobel, M.A., General Secretary, National Council of Women of Great Britain, *re* Resolution on "The Status of Women" and asking if a representative of the College could attend a preliminary Meeting to discuss "The Status of Women in this Country" to be held on December 18th at 11 a.m.

It was unanimously carried that a representative of the College should attend the Meeting on December 18th,

Miss I. Macdonald expressed herself willing to attend if the President was unable to do so.

Letter from Miss D. Warren, D.N., M.B.C.N., expressing warm appreciation of her welcome at the College on her return from Barbados, and notifying that she has been appointed Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor at Putney Hospital.

A letter of congratulation to be sent to Miss Warren.

Letter from Miss M. L. Jacobs, M.B.C.N., London, Ontario, Canada, sending her annual subscription, and asking for three of Miss Macdonald's Calendars, and describing her settling into her new home now that she has retired, and that every evening to her great delight she can hear "London Calling," delightful programmes ending with "God Save the King" followed by Big Ben striking.

Letter from Miss B. Filley, M.B.C.N., saying that she has successfully passed her Examination for the Diploma of Nursing, for which she studied through a Medical Correspondence College Course. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Miss Filley of congratulation upon her success.

Letter from Miss P. Shekleton *re* gifts. It was agreed that a warm vote of thanks be sent to Miss Shekleton for her very valuable and interesting gifts.

MISS I. MACDONALD'S CALENDAR FUND.

The President reported a letter from Miss I. Macdonald, enclosing a cheque for £25 from her Calendar Fund for the College Benevolent Grants, and this year some nineteen Fellows and Members will receive a Christmas gift from the Fund with which to make merry. In expressing thanks to Miss Macdonald for her splendid gift, the President felt sure that no one quite realised the tremendous amount of labour and talent which Miss Macdonald devoted so ungrudgingly to the organisation of this Fund, and proposed a very warm vote of thanks and hearty congratulations to her upon its continued success. This was carried with acclamation.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

Applications for Fellowship and Membership received were approved, and the candidates elected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory statement.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THEIR ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The President on behalf of the Council heartily congratulated the Members present, Miss Isabel Macdonald, on her election as Vice-President and Miss F. M. Campbell as a Director to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and it was agreed that a letter of congratulation be sent to Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., on her election as a Director, as her nomination had been supported by the College.

ADMINISTRATION CLASSES.

Members were anticipating with pleasure the "Informal Talk" on "The Romance of Heraldry," to be given by Sir Algernon Tudor Craig on Wednesday, February 12th, at 5.15 p.m.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported since the last Meeting of the Council among the visitors to the College had been Members from Barbados and South Africa. In the History of Nursing Section nothing had been purchased and the account still showed a small deficit.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Miss Christina Page, "The Indian Mutiny," Vols. 1 and 2, by Charles Bell; "The History of the Indian Empire," Vols. 1 and 2, by R. Montgomery Martin; "The Tale of a Field Hospital," by Sir Frederick Treves, Bart.; "Adven-

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