

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The One hundred and sixth Meeting of the Council of The British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1., on Saturday, January 18th, 1936, at 2.30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and there were present, Miss M. Breay, Vice-President; Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss G. Le Geyt and Miss S. H. Vian Fellows; and Miss E. F. Eburah, Member.

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

Letters of regret for absence were announced from Miss I. Macdonald, Miss Campbell, Miss Cowie, Miss Ballard and Miss Eburah, mainly owing to illness.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Letter from Dr. Fenwick expressing thanks for the beautiful bowl of flowers sent from the Council, as a Christmas remembrance.

The President expressed her thanks for the beautiful flowers received at Christmas from the Council.

Letter of thanks from Miss M. Breay for gift of flowers from the Council at Christmas.

Letter from Miss Monica Grobel, M.A., General Secretary, National Council of Women of Great Britain, *re* "Status of Women Committee," enclosing the Minutes of the Preliminary Meeting held on Wednesday, December 18th, and the Agenda of the Meeting summoned for Thursday, February 27th, at 11 a.m. It is expected that a representative of the College will attend, who is asked to report at that Meeting under Item III the attitude of the organisation under certain aspects of the matter. It was agreed that Miss Macdonald be invited to attend the "Status of Women Committee" as the College representative, summoned for February 27th at 11 a.m.

Report from Miss I. Macdonald, *re* Meeting of National Council of Women on December 18th.

Donations from Miss Macdonald's Calendar Fund were sent to 19 nurses, with which to make merry at Christmas; and letters of heartfelt thanks have been received from them all:—

The following quotations from letters were read:

"Words cannot express my appreciation of the kindness."

"I never thought of such generosity and kindness... my grateful thanks."

"It is indeed a direct answer to prayer. Will you thank the President, Council and Miss Macdonald?"

"Will you kindly thank the President and Miss Macdonald? I am indeed most grateful."

"My very sincere thanks to Miss Macdonald for the time and thought she has given in her busy life, in preparing her beautiful Calendar, so that she could give help and pleasure to many members of the Nursing Profession."

"I am so utterly surprised, grateful and thankful for very acceptable gift."

"I simply do not know how to thank the President and Council, and especially Miss Macdonald."

"This kindness has cheered me, and I look forward to a Merry Christmas."

"It helps to lighten the burden of continued ill-health."

"I am more than grateful, as it comes at a particularly difficult time."

"It is a solace to know that somebody cares for us."

"I thank you sincerely for the charming gift."

"Thank you so much for the delightful gift."

"It is beyond me to express my gratitude to all for such wonderful kindness."

"I am deeply touched, and it has made me very happy to be remembered at Christmas time by you all."

"I am very, very grateful."

The President said Miss Macdonald must be one of the happiest of women knowing how much pleasure her work for her fellow nurses had occasioned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A copy of a letter was reported from the Royal British Nurses Association, which had been received from Dr. Somerville Hastings, Chairman of the Hospitals and Medical Services Committee, L.C.C., in acknowledging a Resolution sent from the Royal British Nurses' Association in support of the protest of nurses concerning new Rules issued by the London County Council.

County Hall,

London, S.E.1,

18th November, 1935.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your letter of the 6th inst., and enclosures, I should be glad if you would kindly inform your Executive Committee that arrangements have already been made whereby Sisters in L.C.C. Hospitals can be present at public worship, and also for wards never to be left in the charge of only one sister or nurse.

Yours faithfully,

SOMERVILLE HASTINGS,

Chairman of the Hospitals and Medical Services Committee.

The President read extracts from a personal letter which she had received from Miss Lavinia Dock, U.S.A., of an extremely interesting nature, which she said, would, with other of her letters, be filed in the History Section of the College.

A letter from Sir Algernon Tudor Craig, K.B.E., C.B.E., F.S.A., consenting to speak at the College on "The Romance of Heraldry" on Wednesday, February 12th.

Letters from (a) Miss F. M. Campbell stating on behalf of Miss Solomon, Miss Barker and herself, that they had greatly enjoyed the Course of Lectures on "First Aid in Chemical Warfare," organised by the British Red Cross Society and that they had passed the Examination and obtained the Certificate. (b) Miss I. G. Kitton, F.B.C.N., who also attended the Course, that she has been successful in passing the Examination.

Notice of Course in First Aid in Chemical Warfare to be held from Tuesday, February 4th, continuing Tuesdays and Fridays for eight Lectures. Examination, Tuesday, March 3rd. It was agreed that the College might give further Grants for these Courses if applied for, and that the notice be placed on the Notice Board.

A letter from Peter H. Thomas, Esq., Mayor's Secretary, Walsall, notifying that the people of Walsall will commemorate Sister Dora's Birthday on Thursday, January 16th, and enclosing circular.

Letter from Miss M. Millican, M.B.C.N., Methodist Mission Hospital, Hunan, China, sending Christmas Card, and thanking for the College Christmas Card received, and giving very interesting details concerning her work and the conditions at present prevailing.

Letters of thanks for a piece of Registration Day Cake sent from the President to several old "Registrationists" unable to attend the annual function.

A letter from Miss C. E. Nelson, M.B.C.N., that she has been appointed Matron, St. Margaret's Hospital, Stratton, Wilts. It was agreed that a letter of congratulation be sent to Miss Nelson.

A letter from Miss Swaby Smith, "that she would like to share a little bit of luck she has had with the College," and sending donation of 10s.

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