

A letter from the Secretary, Mr. W. R. M. Lamb, Royal Academy of Arts, sending by request 20 tickets at reduced rate, cost 1s. instead of 1s. 6d., for admission to Chinese Exhibition, for the use of College members.

A letter from Miss Anna Schwarzenberg, Executive Secretary, I.C.N., concerning the re-issue as a quarterly Journal, of *The International Nursing Review*, the official organ of the I.C.N. It was agreed to subscribe for a copy.

A letter from Miss M. A. Grobel, M.A., General Secretary, National Council of Women, *re* Maternal Mortality and Abortion, also *re* deputation to the Minister of Health, to be held on February 11th with Resolution. It was proposed by Miss M. Breay, seconded by Miss Le Geyt, and carried to support the following Resolution carried at the Annual Representative Meeting at Leicester in October, 1935, to be sent to the Minister of Health:

#### RESOLUTION.

"The National Council of Women having considered recent figures as to Maternal Mortality in England and Wales and as to the number of deaths included in those returns as attributable to abortion, urges H.M. Government to appoint a representative Committee to enquire into the incidence of abortion and as to the law and its administration dealing with criminal abortion and attempted abortion, and to consider what measures, if any, ethical, legal, social or administrative, are advisable to improve the existing position.

"Further the Council asks that arrangements should be made forthwith to ensure that the figures as to Maternal deaths attributable to abortion should be set out separately from the general returns as to Maternal Mortality in all future official returns."

And to inform Miss Grobel that the Council of The British College of Nurses agreed to support this Resolution.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory Financial Statement for the month.

#### REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby was invited to attend the Council, when she presented the following Report:—

On January 3rd the President and I went to the Royal United Services Museum, Whitehall. The first thing we saw was a portrait of Florence Nightingale inscribed as "lent by the British College of Nurses." As the portrait was not lent by this College, and in our opinion was not a true portrait of Florence Nightingale, we requested that the inscription as to the loan of the picture should be removed. The items lent by the College are well displayed. If any of the Members of Council have not been to this Museum, it is well worth a visit.

I have had given to me a copy of *The Times*, Thursday, November, 1805, with Collingwood's report on the death of Nelson. If the College would like this paper, I shall be very pleased to give it.

I have had given to me an envelope addressed to Mrs. Beecher Stowe "favoured by Miss Florence Lees," and signed "Florence Nightingale, Aug. 21-73." Should anyone learn where the letter enclosed in this envelope is I hope they will communicate with me.

The President said she had special pleasure in accepting *The Times* containing Lord Collingwood's report on the death of Nelson, as he was a connection of the Fenwick family.

Miss Bushby was thanked for her interesting Report, which was adopted.

#### THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported that since the last Meeting of the Council there had been 25 visitors to the College. In the History Section donations had been received from

Miss I. Macdonald 10s., and from Miss L. Mason 8s., and nothing had been bought.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, February 22nd, at 2.30 p.m.

#### OTHER BUSINESS.

The President proposed that a resolution of congratulation be sent from the Council to Dame Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., upon being awarded the honour of D.B.E. by His Majesty the King. This was carried unanimously.

The President drew the attention of the Council to the free pardon granted to Miss Florence Annie Parkes, and proposed that letters be sent to (a) Mr. A. C. Reed, M.P. for Exeter, for the effective action he has taken which resulted in proving the innocence of Miss Parkes of the crime for which she was sentenced, after 18 years. (b) Miss Florence Annie Parkes, congratulating her on the free pardon granted to her by His Majesty the King, on the recommendation of the Home Secretary.

The Meeting then terminated.

#### FIXTURES.

*February 12th.*—The Romance of Heraldry. Sir Algernon Tudor Craig, K.B.E., C.B.E., F.S.A., has kindly consented to give an "informal talk" on "The Romance of Heraldry," at The British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. on Wednesday, February 12th, at 5.15 p.m., when Fellows and Members of the College will be cordially welcome. It is hoped that as many as possible will avail themselves of the privilege of hearing so distinguished a connoisseur as Sir Algernon Tudor Craig speak on this fascinating subject.

*February 22nd.*—The British College of Nurses, Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

#### IN HOMAGE TO HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

A chaplet of Palm leaves, beautifully surmounted with yellow and orange Tulips, Daffodils, sprays of Euphorbia and Purple Violets interspersed with Toby Fern, was sent from the College with the following inscription:—

"THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

"From the Fellows and Members of The British College of Nurses. In gratitude to their beloved Sovereign King George V., through life the symbol and centre of the Empire's unity and strength."

#### RESPECTFUL SYMPATHY.

The following expressions of respectful sympathy have been addressed to His Majesty King Edward VIII and to Her Majesty Queen Mary:—

**TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.**  
Most Gracious Sovereign—

On behalf of the British College of Nurses I have the honour to express to Your Majesty the grief of its Fellows and Members on the death of their beloved Sovereign King George V, and to humbly convey to Your Majesty their respectful sympathy.

Signed on behalf of the College,

ETHEL GORDON FENWICK,  
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