

Letter from Mr. W. E. Cooke, F.R.C.S.I., concerning manuscript of his lecture on "Cholera," which he kindly consented might be published in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, in which he wrote: "Your nurses gave me a most attentive hearing yesterday evening, and it was a pleasure to speak to them."

It was proposed by Miss G. Le Geyt and agreed to invite Mr. Cooke to be good enough to give a course of three lectures after Christmas on Typhoid Fever and Tropical Diseases.

Letter of thanks from Miss C. Page for information sent concerning visiting nursing.

Letter of thanks from Miss K. Yeates (Branch Secretary), Australian Trained Nurses' Association, W. Australia, for kind reception the B.C.N. gave nurses who were able to visit it during the very busy Congress time:—

"May I offer congratulations on the very successful Congress Reports, which I read with interest in the JOURNAL."

Letter from Miss J. Murdoch, asking for information re reciprocal Registration with Canada.

Many letters of a personal nature were considered.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

Applications for membership of the College were received and all were elected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory financial statement for the month.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby reported that Miss I. Macdonald had given £2 10s. to pay for a small picture of Miss Nightingale, to which she had added 8s., the cost of the picture.

Miss Bushby stated she had still some letters of Miss Nightingale in hand that were available when the money was forthcoming.

Miss Bushby was thanked for her work and generosity.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported on the various activities of the College during the month.

THE NEW GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

The President, in alluding to the Election of the new General Nursing Council for England and Wales, expressed satisfaction that Miss F. M. Campbell had been elected unopposed to represent nurses on the Part of the Register for Fever Nurses.

It was satisfactory to note that six new members had been elected to represent the Nurses on the General Part of the Register, though only one of rank other than that of Matron, namely, Miss Evelyn Clare Pearce (Sister Tutor at Middlesex Hospital), whose expert knowledge should be of great value to the Council.

ITEMS OF REFORM.

The Council discussed items of reform put forward, which, in due course, should be submitted for consideration to the newly elected General Nursing Council for England and Wales:—

Amongst them were:—

(a) That Preliminary Nursing Schools should be extended and all Preliminary Education and Examination of Student Nurses should be conducted by Registered Medical Practitioners and Registered Nurses appointed by the Council.

(b) That the names of successful candidates in the Final Examinations of the General Nursing Council for England

and Wales should be published in the daily press, following the example of the General Nursing Council for Scotland and the General Nursing Council for the Irish Free State.

(c) That an examination should be instituted for the Certification of Registered Nurse Examiners, defined and conducted by the General Nursing Council.

(d) That criminals, thieves and persons of immoral character, once removed from the Register, should not be reinstated, and that members of Council voting *in camera* should have their names disclosed as voting for or against if they so pleased.

Other recommendations would be considered in due course.

Free nursing opinion was in favour of more publicity in the conduct of business by the Governing Body. The fact that the Revenue Account for the year ending March 31st, 1937, as expended by the General Nursing Council amounted to £51,237 6s. 8d., every penny of which was provided by Nurses, makes their claim to publicity justifiable as it might be conducive of thrift.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick: "George VI," by Hector Bolitho.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING: Black's "Medical Dictionary."

Miss M. Breay: £1 5s. for flowers.

Mrs. Lambert, 7s. 6d. for flowers for the President.

Miss M. R. Chichester: 2s. 6d. for flowers.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was unanimously agreed that the next meeting be held on Saturday, January 22nd, 1938.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Traffic Injuries.

It was proposed by Miss A. M. Bushby and passed unanimously that a letter of sympathy be sent to Miss Isabel Macdonald in the very serious accident she had sustained during the past week, to say how much her valuable presence was missed, and to wish her as speedy a recovery as possible.

The President explained that she would take this opportunity, in view of her own experience, together with another Fellow of the College (Miss Blacklock), to take some action concerning the alarming conditions and dangers caused by "speeding up" bus traffic, which now prevailed, to send from the Council a letter (a) to the Minister of Transport and (b) the London Passenger Transport Board, protesting against the "speeding up" system by which passengers were deprived of sufficient time to enter a bus without whacks and bruises—a system which was unjust to the drivers and conductors and a constant menace to the public. It was agreed protests should be sent to the responsible authorities.

OBLIGATIONS.

Four members attended and took the Obligation and were welcomed into the College by the Council, with whom they took tea.

The meeting then terminated.

GIFT FROM MISS A. M. BUSHBY'S STAMP FUND.

We have to thank Miss A. M. Bushby, F.B.C.N., Councillor of the British College of Nurses, for kindly giving a contribution of £3 6s. 0d. from her Stamp Fund to be placed in the Sympathy Box of the College, the contents of which are distributed amongst those nurses who may need temporary help.

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