

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.

A Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was held at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Wednesday, January 29th, 1947, at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs. Thomas Barber, S.R.N., D.N., Vice-President, was in the Chair.

Prayers were read, and a special prayer was said from the Chair for the President.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

In reply to the Resolution proposed by the President, and sent from the Council, protesting against the decision of the Council of Willesden to dismiss nurses from the Willesden Municipal Hospital who did not join Trade Unions, the following letters were reported:

(a) From the Prime Minister, the Right Hon. Clement Attlee:

10, Downing Street, Whitehall.
3rd December, 1946.

DEAR MADAM,

I write on behalf of the Prime Minister to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th November and the Resolution which accompanied it.

Yours truly,

G. F. DAVIES.

To the Hon. Secretary,
British College of Nurses, Ltd.

(b) From the Minister of Health, the Right Hon. Aneurin Bevan:

Ministry of Health, Whitehall.
2nd December, 1946.

DEAR MADAM,

I am desired by Mr. Bevan to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of the 29th November, embodying a Resolution passed by your Council in protest against nurses being compelled to join trade unions.

L. A. VILCHES,
Private Secretary.

The Secretary,
The British College of Nurses, Ltd.

(c) From the Minister of Health, the Right Hon. Aneurin Bevan:

14th January, 1947.

MADAM,

I am directed by the Minister of Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th November, which has been passed to him by the Prime Minister, and to say that the contents have been noted.

I am to state that in accordance with the Minister's recent announcement he has issued to all local authorities a circular pointing out that their primary duty as Health Authorities is to maintain the efficiency and smooth running of their health services and ensure the welfare of the patients for whom they are responsible. In the Minister's view all other considerations must be regarded as secondary.

I am, Madam,
Your Obedient Servant,
M. M. WILKINS.

The Hon. Secretary,
The British College of Nurses, Ltd.

Correspondence

A letter was reported from the Canadian Nurses Association enclosing Vocational Guidance Pamphlets.

It was agreed to invite a member of Council to write an article concerning them for THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

The receipt of copies of the Register of Nurses for 1946 was reported, and it was agreed that the Registrar, The General Nursing Council for England and Wales, be thanked for them.

A letter was reported from the Librarian, Grant Hospital of Chicago, making a request for a Nightingale Brick, and it was agreed that a delegate attending the International Congress of Nurses, in May, might take one.

A letter from a member of the College wishing for advice, was reported, together with the Council's Solicitor's legal opinion.

Applications for grants to attend the International Congress of Nurses were considered and dealt with.

Financial Statement

A satisfactory Financial Report was presented to the Council.

Election of Fellows and Members

Applications were received for Fellowship and Membership of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., and all were accepted.

The meeting then terminated.

THE LEAGUE OF FEVER NURSES.

A Meeting of the League of Fever Nurses, was held at 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Saturday, January 25th, 1947, at 2.30 p.m. The President, Miss N. Dunkley, S.R.N., was in the Chair.

The meeting was well attended and a large amount of business was dealt with. Satisfaction was expressed that the Hon. Secretary, Miss H. McLoughlin, had been elected the Delegate of the League of Fever Nurses, to attend the International Congress of Nurses, to be held in Atlantic City, U.S.A., in May this year.

After a lively discussion on the position of Registered Fever Nurses, it was unanimously agreed, that to stand firmly for professional independence is the policy of the League of Fever Nurses.

A NEW MATRON FOR WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL.

Miss G. Ceris Jones, S.R.N., D.N. (London University) has been appointed Matron of Westminster Hospital. Trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, Miss Jones held the appointment of Senior Sister Tutor at her Training School. She was Medical Ward Sister, No. 3 General Hospital, B.E.F., and Night Superintendent and later Casualty Sister in 25th General Hospital, then in Northern Ireland, as a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, from 1939 to 1941.

Miss Jones later held posts as Sister-in-Charge of the Leys School Annexe to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge; as Assistant Matron at the London Hospital; Sister-in-Charge of the London Hospital Unit at Warley Woods Hospital, Brentwood; Sister-in-Charge of the London Hospital Annexe at Brentwood, and an Assistant Matron at the London Hospital.

Miss Jones has also been Examiner for the Hospital Final Examination at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester; Examiner for the Hospital Final Examination at the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, Ipswich; Examiner in Practical Nursing to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales; Examiner to the Preliminary Training School, London Hospital; and Examiner to the Preliminary Training School, St. Thomas's Hospital.

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