

The British College of Nurses, Ltd.

A MEETING OF THE Council of The British College of Nurses was held at 19 Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Thursday, March 24th, 1955, at 2.30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. M. Barber, D.N.(Lond.) was in the Chair.

Prayers having been read, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The President, on rising, referred to the efforts of the College on behalf of those elderly nurses who retired before the 1948 Health Act, and who have in consequence been excluded from the subsequent improved nursing pensions.

It was agreed that further action be taken, by each member approaching their member of parliament, as to why the need of these nurses is excluded from legislative consideration.

It was agreed that congratulations and best wishes be sent to Mrs. Wolfrath (*née* Rose), M.B.C.N., on her marriage, and now in her new home at Neuchatel, Switzerland.

The National Council of Women of Great Britain.

Miss Beatrice West consented, as the representative of The British College of Nurses, to attend the conference of the National Council of Women of Great Britain on April 18th, concerning the "employment of women over forty."

Coach Tour.

It was agreed that attention be drawn to a coach tour to Southend's Festival of Flowers, the tour to take place on Wednesday, May 11th, cost of tickets, 12s. 6d. The coach will leave The British College of Nurses, Ltd., 19 Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, at 9.30 a.m.

To save time it is advisable for each person to bring snack lunch, to have en route.

Fellows and Members wishing to avail themselves of this wonderful sight, are requested to communicate, as soon as possible, with the Hon. Secretary, The British College of Nurses, Ltd., 19 Queen's Gate, S.W.7, enclosing cost of seats required.

Bring and Buy Sale.

It was agreed to hold a Bring and Buy Sale on the day of the Annual Meeting in June, when the co-operation of our Fellows, Members and friends is cordially invited.

Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications for membership were received and all were elected.

Financial Statement.

The financial statement was reported and adopted.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on Thursday, April 28th, 1955.

The meeting then terminated.

The Passing Bell.

Miss Mabel Wood, M.B.C.N.

IT IS WITH MUCH REGRET that we have to record the death of outstanding members of the Nursing Profession, to which such unstinted service was always given.

On February 20th, Miss Mabel Wood, a revered member of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., since its inception, departed this life.

Born at Winksworth, near Matlock, Derbyshire, Miss Wood entered St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford, for training in 1918, after which she served as Staff Nurse and Sister at Grassington Sanatorium, Yorks.; she was Sister at Nether Edge Hospital, Sheffield; at Oakwood Hall Sanatorium, Rotherham; and at the General Hospital, Ipswich; she was Assistant Matron at the Cheshire Joint Sanatorium, Market Drayton; and then in 1934 she became Matron of the



The late Miss Mabel Wood.

Tehidy Sanatorium, Camborne, Cornwall, a position she graced for 20 years.

She saw her beloved hospital grow from 72 to nearly 200 beds during her Matronship, and in 1953, the crowning point of her career, the Princess Royal opened a large new block and thoracic unit at the Tehidy Sanatorium.

Miss Wood had a house built in the vicinity of the hospital in readiness for her retirement late in 1954.

In January, 1954, she collapsed on duty with pneumonia, followed by very serious complications, particularly a gravely weakened heart, and she never resumed work.

She was dearly loved by her staff at Tehidy and devotedly nursed by them during this illness.

She retired officially in August, 1954, and spent a few weeks in her new home, cared for by her sister, Mrs. Kathleen Houghton, of Sheffield; they then returned to Sheffield together, where Miss Wood stayed until December, 1954, with her sister and brother-in-law.

Longing for a glimpse of her own home in Cornwall, she returned accompanied by her life-long friend, Miss O. M. Whitehead, and passed away on February 20th, following a heart attack. She was buried at the place of her birth at Winksworth, and is survived by a brother and sister.

Her love for her chosen profession was intense, and she was always deeply concerned for all who came under her care.

The nursing world is a poorer place for the loss of one of its most devoted followers.

Her family are deeply grateful to all those who showed her friendship during her 40 years' service for the benefit of the sick.

Mr. Robert Donaldson, R.M.N.

THERE PASSED AWAY in March, Mr. Robert Donaldson, R.M.N., one time Managing Director of the Male Nurses' Co-operation, Ltd.

He commenced his training as a nurse at Woodville

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