

that all business and debates should be conducted with despatch and dignity. She would require them to address the Chair standing—but the fullest freedom would be accorded to each speaker. She felt sure discussions would be conducted in a helpful and harmonious spirit, and that the welfare of the members—in their educational, economic, civic and benevolent relations—would receive the most sympathetic consideration of each member of the Council. Bureaucracy would be banished from their counsels. Professional equality as Registered Nurses would be recognised. To maintain these happy relations every Fellow and Member would be encouraged to take an earnest and personal part in forming the policy of the Nurses' College, and maintaining its ever-increasing usefulness to the Nursing Profession and the community. The great Gift had made possible the exercise of professional and civic responsibility upon the part of its constituents, and she had strong faith in its beneficent influence throughout the British Empire and the world at large.

Applications for Fellowship of the College were then considered. It was agreed that the Council should meet again on Tuesday, July 27th, to consider the remaining Applications.

Thus ended a memorable and historic meeting.

THE FIRST SOCIAL FUNCTION.

The Members of the Council, who dined together, by invitation of the Trustees, at the Trocadero Restaurant after the first Meeting, formed a very happy party, for they realised how great a movement had that day been inaugurated—an acorn planted with the potentialities of development into a splendid tree.

The management of the Trocadero had taken special pains to arrange a large round table at which the President of the British College of Nurses presided. The toasts of the evening were "The Donor," "Dr. and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick," and "The British College of Nurses," all of which were honoured with enthusiasm.

The charm of the evening was the sense of comradeship which inspired the gathering. Most of those present had worked together for many years for the advancement of nursing and nurses, and that evening they realised that the travail of their souls had not been in vain.

It is hoped that the Dinner will become an annual function—next year, no doubt, hundreds of Fellows and Members will wish to attend and entertain distinguished guests.

SECOND MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

The Second Meeting of the Council was held on July 27th, at 431, Oxford Street, London, at 5 p.m. The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair.

After the Minutes had been read and confirmed the Report of the Scrutineers of Applications was received, and, with new Applications, upwards of 500 Fellows and Members were elected, and it was decided that the Ceremony to formally obligate and admit elected Fellows and Members should be held in London—the place to be notified later—in the first week of November.

The Council considered the form for Seal, and Mrs. Fenwick agreed to the unanimous wish of the Council that the head of the first President of the British College of Nurses should appear on its Seal.

Consideration was then given to the form and type of the Diploma—which is to be on parchment, and present a symbolical and handsome appearance. Specimens of academic Robes and caps were on view, and the shape was selected, the colours to be agreed later.

The President pointed out that, for the first time, Nurses were paying an adequate subscription in support of professional organisation.

She proposed the appointment of four Standing Committees:—

1. Education and Examination.
2. Political and Economic.
3. Social and Benevolent.
4. Finance.

The Council agreed.

The President said the British College of Nurses was primarily an Educational Body—but that no profession could be popular which was not economically sound, and based on broad social and benevolent solidarity. Every Fellow and Member of the College should,

if possible, be secured from financial anxiety in times of stress and sickness. She suggested that 15 per cent. of every pound subscribed by Fellows and Members should be earmarked for benevolent and social purposes. This proposal was warmly received, Miss Bushby expressing the opinion that such a decision, taken at once, would be appreciated. As upwards of £900 had been subscribed by registered nurses during the last nine weeks—it was agreed to place £135 at the disposal of the Social and Benevolent Committee for use if required.

The personnel of the Education, the Economic and Finance Committees was deferred until the Council was fully formed in September, and it was agreed that the



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