

## THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

### THE THIRD MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

The Third Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held on September 25th, at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., at 5 p.m. The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, S.R.N., was in the Chair, and the following members of the Council were present: Miss M. Breay and Miss H. L. Pearse, *Vice-Presidents*; Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss Joanna M. Cruickshank, R.R.C., Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Miss Isabel Macdonald, Miss Alice Reeves, R.R.C., Miss Susan A. Villiers, *Fellows*: and Miss E. J. Haswell, *Member*.

Dr. Bedford Fenwick, Trustee and Treasurer of the College Fund, was present, and Prayers having been said, announced that the Trustees had invited the following ladies to take seats upon the Council:—

MISS MARY GLADYS ALLBUTT, S.R.N., cert. Huddersfield Infirmary, Matron of the Fulham Hospital, Hammersmith, and

MISS DOROTHY KATHLEEN GRAHAM, S.R.N., cert. Guy's Hospital, London, and cert. Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital, at present Sister-Tutor, Royal Northern Group of Hospitals, Holloway, N.

These ladies, who had accepted the invitation of the Trustees, were present, and together with Mrs. Strong, who had been unable to attend the meeting on July 20th, repeated the Solemn Obligation which all Fellows and Members of the Council are required to take, and having sworn to observe these promises, were admitted as Fellows of the College, signed the College Roll, and were welcomed by Dr. Fenwick in the name of the Trustees on to the Council.

The Obligation ceremony being thus concluded, Dr. Fenwick withdrew.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the President reported to the Council the action she had taken on diverse matters since its last meeting, and read letters of congratulation on the establishment of the College from the South Australian Branch of the Royal British Nurses' Association, from Miss Pritchard, General Superintendent, King Edward VII Order of Nurses, South Africa, and others.

Also the offer of a gift of a door plate for the College carried out in Sheffield plate from one Fellow, and from another of hospitality for a Fellow or Member needing

rest in the country. It was decided to send letters of thanks to both these ladies.

A number of other letters were also dealt with, including one from a lady who wrote that she noticed "Protection" was one of the objects of the College, and inquiring why this was necessary as its Fellows and Members were State Registered Nurses? It was agreed to point out to this correspondent that legal protection is no part of the statutory duties of the General Nursing Councils.

### ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

Applications for Fellowship and Membership of the College were then considered, and action taken thereon.

With few exceptions the Applicants, all holding three years' certificates of general training, and the large majority additional qualifications, were elected.

#### Form of Diploma, Seal and Robes.

The President then presented the Report of the Sub-Committee of the Council held on Saturday, September 18th, at 431, Oxford Street, W.1, to consider the Form of the Diploma, Seal and Robes.

*Diploma*.—It was recommended that the Diploma should be in black and white on Japanese vellum, and not less than 17 inches by 12½ inches, that the figure of Hygeia should appear in a side panel, that it should bear a Roll of Honour, the wording as agreed, to be printed, and the name of the recipient inscribed by hand.

The Recommendation was adopted.

Considerable attention was given to the details of the Diploma, as the Council were anxious that it should be both handsome and beautiful, a document which the recipients would really prize.

*Seal*.—It was recommended that the Seal be engraved as agreed, with the President's head, and that it should be round, with beaded edges, and be inscribed in the circle with the title The British College of Nurses.

The Recommendation was adopted.

*Robes*.—It was recommended that the Robes be made of soft black satin, the sleeves lined, and the facings to be of petunia satin. This combination will be distinctive, as petunia is used by no other academic body.

The Recommendation was adopted.

#### Function to Obligate Fellows and Members, and Registration of Diplomas.

It was arranged that the Function to obligate Fellows and Members, and to present Diplomas, should be held at the Church House, Westminster, if possible on November



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