

25th, followed by an invitation tea, that a dignitary of the Church be invited to open the meeting with Prayer, and that Dr. Bedford Fenwick, Trustee of the College, be invited to give an Address, as well as other selected speakers.

Official Organ.

That a prominent notification of the ceremony be made in the October issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and that an arrangement be made with this Journal to act as the official organ of the College, and that, in the future, it be sent to each Fellow and Member as one of the benefits of membership.

This proposal was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Education Committee.

The President said that the most important Standing Committee, that on Education, had better be constituted a little later, when the Council would be complete—probably at the next meeting—as much consideration would have to be given to its work before beneficial schemes could be initiated.

The Council agreed with this view.

Finance Committee.

The following members of Council were appointed to act with the Hon. Treasurer on the Finance Committee: The Hon. Officers, Mrs. Andrews (when obligated), Miss Bushby, and Miss Cruickshank.

Political and Economic Committee.

The Hon. Officers, Miss Allbutt, Miss Graham, and Miss Macdonald, were appointed to form the Political and Economic Committee, which will include in its scope Insurance Schemes and Legal Protection.

Miss Graham, in consenting to serve for a time, remarked that she was anxious to devote her service primarily to Educational Organisation.

Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council should be held on Saturday, October 23rd, at 3 o'clock, at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

The meeting then terminated.

MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

£4,000 Placed on Deposit.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, on Tuesday, September 28th, 1926. Dr. Bedford Fenwick (Trustee and Treasurer) was in the Chair, and there were present Mrs. Fenwick, Miss Breay, Miss H. L. Pearse, Miss Bushby, and Miss Cruickshank. The Treasurer presented an exhaustive and most lucid statement of Accounts to date, showing that after all the heavy initial expenses of the College had been paid, as well as running expenses, it had been possible to place over £4,000 on deposit, bearing interest.

Resolutions were adopted for recommendations to the Council (1) as to an Official Organ, and the proposal of the Council at its meeting on September 25th was unanimously adopted; (2) as to the Legal Defence and Protection of Fellows and Members of the College; (3) as to Schemes of Insurance; and (4) in regard to Benevolence.

An application from a Fellow of the College for a Loan of £10 to enable her to receive special medical treatment

was considered, supported by a medical certificate, and referred from the Council.

It was agreed to make a Benevolent Grant of £5 and to give a Loan of £5, without interest, to be repaid at the convenience of the Fellow concerned.

The arrangements for the Function for obligating Fellows and Members were considered.

The meeting then terminated.

ANNOUNCED WITH REGRET.

We announce with regret that as the plate from which the Diplomas will be printed cannot be engraved by November 25th, the Ceremony for their Presentation, which it was hoped would take place on that date, must be deferred.

Fellows and Members may sign the Roll.

As so many Fellows and Members are anxious to take the Solemn Obligation, and to sign the Roll, and as the Ceremony for so doing in conjunction with the Presentation of Diplomas has to be postponed, it has been arranged that the President, and certain members of the Council, will attend at the temporary offices, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1, on the following dates:—October 14th, 19th, 26th, and 30th, between the hours of 2 and 6 p.m.

The Hon. Secretary of the British College of Nurses will be obliged if Fellows and Members wishing to attend on any of these dates, in order to be obligated, will kindly send her a postcard intimating when they can do so.

Applications.

Applications for election as Fellows and Members should be sent to Miss M. Breay, Hon. Secretary, at 431, Oxford Street, London W.1.

To Subscribers to the "British Journal of Nursing."

Subscribers who are, and who may be elected Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses, will be placed on the Free List when their present subscriptions terminate.

Letter from Miss L. L. Dock to the President.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—Only very recently have I had time to read with care the articles of the past several months, describing the action of a generous and large-minded unnamed Donor; in bestowing upon nurses a gift remarkable alike in its ample extent and its unusual stipulations.

To this unknown and magnanimous Donor let me first express gratitude. Then to you and those others whose untiring efforts have attracted this gift. It may be too soon to know just what will result, in nursing, from this epochal foundation. It will be most interesting to see what nurses will do with its great opportunities.

We must admit that women as a mass are slow in advancing toward that complete dignity and power that they should desire, and it is evident that the great majority of nurses would rather have things done for them than do them. Your Bertrand Russell says that the cosmic law is for everything to take the easiest course. This being so, one can only expect that the minority of active leaders, resembling released energy, will in time show that the easiest course finally is the hardest at the outset.

The young women of the future must and will utilize their own gifts in making of this splendid gift a model centre of all the best that the nursing profession of the future can show.

With all good wishes,

I am, yours sincerely,
L. L. Dock.

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