

An application for the position from Miss Grace Reynolds Hale, S.R.N., R.R.C., Matron of the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, Euston Road, N.W., Certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, who has held many important positions, was unanimously approved by the Council, and the President said that those acquainted with Miss Hale knew her talents, her splendid powers of application, and her discretion and tact. She was of the highest repute in her profession.

Miss Villiers and Miss Cochrane both spoke in favour of the application, and Miss Isabel Macdonald said she had come to know Miss Hale during the time the late Miss Maud MacCallum was a patient in the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, and spoke warmly of her courtesy and kindness.

Miss Hale was then interviewed by the Council, and later withdrew while it conferred. Subsequently the

The question of Permanent Headquarters was also referred to the Finance Committee.

#### Election of Fellows and Members.

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

#### Appointment of Standing Committees.

The following Standing Committees were then appointed:—

##### EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Officers; and Miss Allbutt, Miss Bushby, Miss Cochrane, Miss Graham, Miss Macaulay, and Miss Villiers.

##### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Officers, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Graham, and Miss Macdonald.

#### Diploma Day.

It was agreed to refer the arrangements for the Function for the Presentation of Diplomas to the Social and Benevolent Committee.

#### Applicants from the Dominions.

It was agreed that a special Form should be drafted for the use of Applicants for Fellowship and Membership from the Dominions where reciprocal Systems of State Registration are in force, that the Registrar should be asked to testify on the Applicant's form that she is on the State Register of Nurses in the State or Dominion concerned, and to quote

the entry in the published Register concerning her.

#### Local Consuls.

It was agreed that suitable Fellows should be invited to act as Local Consuls at home and abroad.

#### Meetings.

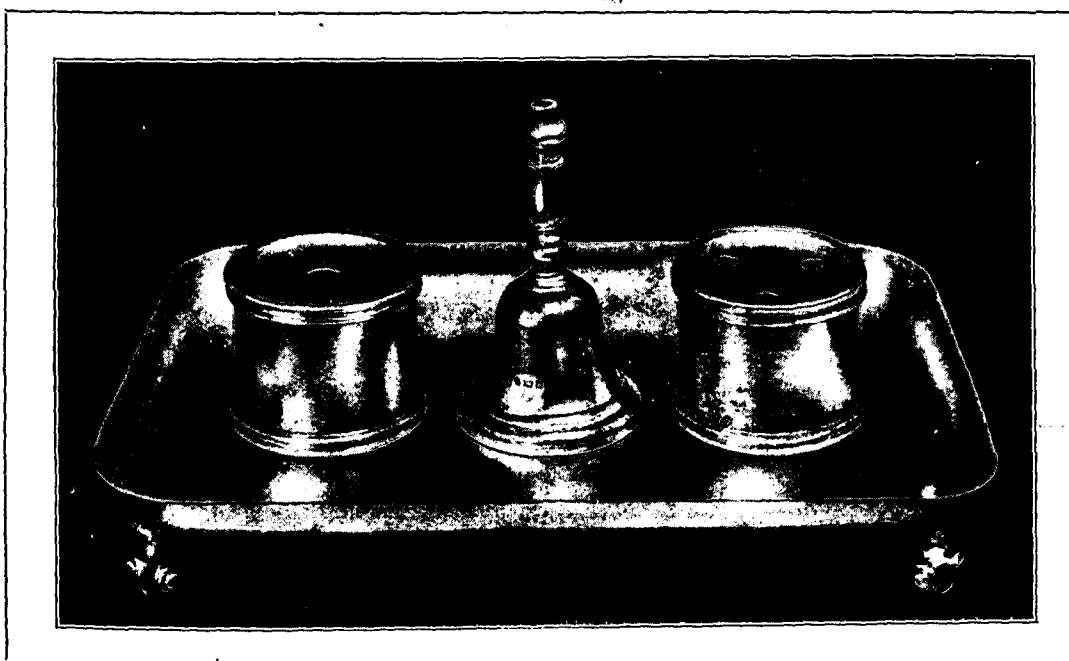
Invitations having been received to speak at meetings of Nurses to explain the principles and aims of the British College of Nurses, that arrangements and choice of Speakers be referred to the Social and Benevolent Standing Committee.

#### Next Meeting of Council.

The next Meeting of the Council was fixed for Saturday, November 20th, at 3 p.m. The Meeting then terminated, a break having been made for tea at 5 o'clock.

#### Applications.

Applications for election as Fellows and Members should be made to Miss M. Breay, Hon. Secretary (*pro tem.*), who will be pleased to send application forms on request.



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President informed Miss Hale of her election, and said that the Council congratulated itself on having received her application, and knew that she would give the best of her abilities, which were great, to its service.

Miss Hale having thanked the Council for its confidence withdrew.

#### Report of Finance Standing Committee.

The Report of the Finance Committee, and its Recommendations, were then considered.

It was agreed to suggest to the Finance Committee that the sum of 5s. should be set aside out of each subscription annually to form a Legal Defence and Protection Fund for Fellows and Members until the sum of £10,000 had been raised.

It was also agreed that the question of a Pension Scheme should be referred to the further consideration of the Finance Committee.

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