

Making Nursing History.

We advise all Fellows and Members of the Nurses' College to file their B.J.N.s when read, for reference purposes, and also for binding. The whole history of the Nurses' Registration Movement is recorded in the JOURNAL since 1887, and now constitutes an invaluable record, and in the future the history of the B.C.N. will be increasingly valuable as time goes on, and the pioneers pass away.

Thus, now that the Nurses' College of our dreams has really materialised, students of Nursing History amongst its Fellows and Members will be interested to find recorded in the JOURNAL (then the *Nursing Record*) of 1901, that the desire for self-government in the nursing profession had been implanted, and taken root.

Speaking at the International Congress of Nurses in Buffalo in September of that year we expressed the belief, which was warmly acclaimed, that all nurses who have considered the question intelligently have grasped the fundamental principle that our profession, like every other, needs regulation and control, and we claimed that this power of control should rest in our own hands. That in our corporate capacity we must have the right to live, and move, and have our being, and that it was from our own ranks that the women must step out, to whom the responsibility of guiding our destinies must be entrusted—women, strong and faithful, able and willing to maintain intact the trust imposed upon them.

Future Fixtures.

The following arrangements have been made in connection with the British College of Nurses for November:—

November 9th.—Meeting of the Political and Economic Standing Committee. 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 5.15 p.m.

November 15th.—Meeting of the Finance Standing Committee. 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 5.30 p.m.

November 19th.—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the College, will speak on The British College of Nurses at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club. 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7. 3 p.m.

November 20th.—Meeting of Council. 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 3 p.m.

December 6th.—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the College, will speak on "The British College of Nurses," at Charing Cross Hospital, W.C. 8.30 p.m.

Obligation Dates.

The President and certain members of the Council of The British College of Nurses will attend at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., to obligate Fellows and Members on the following dates in November:—

Thursdays:—November 11th, 18th, and 25th, between the hours of 2.30 and 6 p.m.

The Hon. Secretary of the College 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. There is no need to ask for a reply as to whether the date they select is convenient, provided it is within the hours on the dates mentioned. The notice by postcard is necessary in order that the requisite Forms may be looked out and in readiness.

NEW MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.**MRS. LANCELOT ANDREWS, S.R.N.**

Mrs. Lancelot Andrews (*née* Wisden), Foundation Fellow of The British College of Nurses, who, by invitation of the Trustees has accepted a seat upon the Council of the College, is a well-known and distinguished member of the Nursing Profession. Trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, where she was Gold Medalist of her year, she held successively the position of Night Superintendent, Ward Sister, Temporary Assistant Matron, and Home Sister in her Training School, which position she resigned on her marriage with Dr. Lancelot Andrews, a period of happiness which was all too brief.

After the death of her husband having gained additional experience in social work, she was appointed in 1910 Inspector under the Local Government Board, now the Ministry of Health, a position which she has only recently resigned. In the period of 16 years during which she held this appointment, her visits of Inspection have covered fifteen counties, and have been made to Poor Law Infirmaries, Workhouses, Children's Homes, Boarded-out Children, and Children coming under the Children's Act, 1908. In the course of her duties she has had much experience in the conduct of meetings, and of keeping records.

In 1917-1918, Mrs. Andrews was seconded to the War Office, and helped in the Organisation of Queen Mary's Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (popularly known as the Waacs) being stationed at Devonshire House, then the Headquarters of the Corps. She was the first Recruiting Controller, organising the system throughout the country.

Mrs. Andrews' colleagues and numerous friends know that she brings to the service of The British College of Nurses an enthusiasm rooted in knowledge, capacity, and a strong sense of duty, and a very winning personality. She is also one of the most distinguished speakers in the ranks of our profession, marshalling and putting her points forcefully, with clearness and precision, and presenting them in so pleasing a way as to commend them to her hearers.

It will be gathered that Mrs. Andrews can place great gifts at the disposal of the Nurses' College, and there is no doubt that she will spare no pains to further its interests.

MISS MARY SMALLWOOD COCHRANE, S.R.N., R.R.C.

Miss M. S. Cochrane, S.R.N., R.R.C., Foundation Fellow of The British College of Nurses, who, by the invitation of the Trustees has joined its Council, was trained and certificated at Charing Cross Hospital (1910-1917) under Miss Mildred Heather-Bigg, R.R.C.

Her professional appointments have been entirely in connection with her Training School where she has held the position of Acting Holiday Sister, Ward Sister in a Military Ward, Night Superintendent, and Assistant Matron, with which position she combined from 1920 to 1923 that of Sister Tutor, and in 1924 was appointed Matron. No greater evidence of confidence in her ability and personal qualifications could have been afforded her by the Board of Management of the Hospital which has had unique opportunities of gauging them.

Miss Cochrane is also a Certificated Masseuse, having been trained in Massage, Medical Electricity and Remedial Exercise at the London School of Massage in 1912 under Dr. Fletcher Little, and at the London Temperance Hospital.

The Council of the College is to be congratulated on the appointment of Miss Cochrane, who, we feel sure, will bring to bear upon the problems which confront it a well-informed, experienced, and understanding sympathy, while her genial and practical temperament ensure her acceptability as a colleague.

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