

with Penal Cases *in camera*, and considers that the Council should follow the procedure adopted by the General Medical Council, *i.e.*, to take evidence in public, deliberate in private, after which the result should be made known.

5. The ground for consideration of this matter by the British College of Nurses is that the General Part of the State Register is taken as the basis of its membership, and it is therefore of primary importance to it that the purity of the Register should be maintained.

The Report was received, discussed and adopted, and it was directed that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Other Business.

Amongst other business transacted, (1) It was agreed to prepare a Leaflet of work done to date.

(2) To have the Solemn Obligation taken by Fellows and Members printed on a suitable card, so that after having been obligated, each one might receive a copy.

(3) The Council was asked whether the gift of a House for old Nurses whose incomes were limited, would be acceptable, or if the need was already met? The opinion was expressed that such a gift would be gratefully accepted and administered by the Council if forthcoming.

It was agreed to continue the Obligation ceremonies on fixed dates.

It was agreed to hold the Finance Committee on Tuesday, December 14th, at 5.30 p.m.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Council on Saturday, December 18th, at 3 p.m.

The Meeting adjourned for tea at 5 p.m., resumed work, and terminated at 6.30 p.m.

Future Fixtures.

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

December 14th.—Meeting of Finance Committee. 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 5.30 p.m.

December 18th.—Meeting of Council. 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 3 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.1, to obligate Fellows and Members on the following dates in December:—

Friday, December 10th, and Thursday, December 16th, between the hours of 2.30 and 6 p.m.

Those Members of the Council who have attended

the Obligation Ceremony on the appointed days have realised the interest and importance of these gatherings. Fellows and Members have attended, from England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland, and although many of them have not met the President, or one another before, there has been an extraordinary unanimity of feeling and of camaraderie. They did not meet as strangers, but on the common ground of identical aspirations and altruistic outlook for the development of their profession, for the good of the community, and of its own individual members. It has been quite delightful to meet so many colleagues whom we have known by name, but never met, or who until now have been unknown to us, but with whom we find ourselves very much in sympathy.

OUR FELLOWS.

WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Mrs. Herbert W. Bell,
F.B.C.N.

Mrs. Herbert W. Bell (*née* Mackay), Mayoress of Hartlepool, is a Fellow of the British College of Nurses—and also a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association—who takes a keen pride in her status as a member of the Nursing Profession.

Mrs. Bell was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, part of the time during the Matronship of Mrs. Strong, and gratefully acknowledges the inspiration she received from her both as a nurse and a citizen.

On the completion of her training, Mrs. Bell (then Miss Bessie Mackay) joined her Sister who had a Nursing Home in West Hartlepool, and some years later married Mr. Herbert Wright Bell, who for 29 years was Town Clerk of Hartlepool, of which busy town he is Recorder,

and has just been elected Mayor of the same place.

Mrs. Bell, as wife of the first citizen of the town, will have many outlets for her activities and for doing her duty as a good citizen during his term of office as Mayor. She is keenly interested in Child Welfare Work, in addition to her general interest in nursing, and the organisation of nurses. Thus she writes: "My name is on the State Register of Nurses, and I deeply appreciate the splendid and self-sacrificing fight for that cause."

One of the great needs of the Nursing Profession is the development of the civic spirit in its members, and this we are sure Mrs. Bell will take every opportunity of promoting.

"The time is near when we must have a nurse for every section of the city, and she will be responsible for the health of the citizen in the district she patrols."



MRS. HERBERT W. BELL, F.B.C.N.,
Mayoress of Hartlepool.

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