

received in hospital, and it will be the aim of the British College of Nurses to provide for such courses.

Scholarships are an essential benefit which the College has included in its educational programme, the details of which will be carefully considered by the Education Committee.

Important and essential as these things are, the success of the College will depend on the personality of its individual members, and on their development of such qualities as sympathy, kindness, unselfishness, moral rectitude and courage, public spirit, and idealism. They will ever be striving towards a higher standard in their desire to uphold the dignity of our Profession, so that it shall be held in universal honour.

In concluding its first Annual Report to the Fellows and Members, the Council feels sure they would wish to personally associate themselves with the thanks which the Council has already voiced on their behalf to the generous Donor of the Trust Fund, with which munificent Gift the College has been founded, and to ask the Treasurer to convey their gratitude and homage to his Co-Trustee.

The Council feels fully justified on congratulating the Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses on the excellent results which have been achieved during the first year of its existence. And they would now impress upon those who have been wise enough to join the College at once, that its whole future success rests in their hands. It is their first duty to bring as many of their Nurse friends who are eligible, into the College ranks, to increase its prestige, its influence, and, therefore, its future usefulness to the public at large, to the Medical Profession, to the Profession of Nursing, and to every individual Fellow and Member of the College.

ETHEL G. FENWICK,
(President).

THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

The thirteenth meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, August 6th, at 3 p.m. *The President*, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and the following Members were present: Miss M. Breay, *Vice-President*; Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss D. K. Graham, Miss I. Macdonald, and Mrs. Strong, *Fellows*; and Miss E. J. Haswell, *Member*.

Prayers having been read by the Secretary, Miss G. R. Hale, R.R.C., the Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence.

The correspondence included:—

A letter of thanks from Miss Isabel Macdonald for the sympathy expressed to her on behalf of the College in her recent bereavement.

Letters of regret at inability to attend the meeting from Miss Allbutt and Miss Villiers, owing to their absence abroad.

A number of letters from Fellows and Members, expressing pride and pleasure in the possession of the Diplomas forwarded to them.

A letter from a Fellow asking for advice, as to the conditions prevailing in the institution in which she was working. It was agreed to thank her for her letter, and to inform her that the Council would take the matter up in the right quarter.

In connection with a letter received from another Fellow, an interview with two members of the Council (Miss Bushby and Miss Cochrane) was arranged for her.

A letter from Miss Vera Spencer-Jones, R.R.C., containing a suggestion was dealt with.

A letter from Miss E. E. Ellis, who had kindly promised to defray the expense of a door plate for the College, sending a cheque for the amount, and saying that she hoped to come to London soon and was longing to see the College.

A letter from Miss E. Horton, asking that Dr. Fenwick's address, given on Diploma Day, should be printed in pamphlet form. This was agreed.

Letters were also received from Mrs. Brameld, Miss Mary Chadwick, the late Miss M. R. Stewart (Secretary, Scottish Nurses' Club), Mrs. Strong, and from Sir Alfred Rice Oxley, congratulating the President on the success of the Annual Dinner, and expressing his thanks for the invitation to attend it, thus enabling him to take part in so unique an affair.

The President reported, with great regret, the death of Miss M. R. Stewart, a valued Fellow of the College, from cerebral hæmorrhage. A rising vote of sorrow and respect was passed, and it was agreed that a letter of sympathy should be sent to her nearest relative.

Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications for Fellowship and Membership were considered, and the applicants elected, with one exception, in which case the application was deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

The applications of two Members to be transferred to the Roll of Fellows were considered and approved.

Resignation.

The resignation of her seat on the Council of Miss Alice Reeves, R.R.C., owing to her inability to attend the meetings in London, was received with sincere regret.

The President said Miss Reeves, Matron of a large hospital and training-school, an Examiner of the General Nursing Council for Ireland, and President of the National Council of Nurses of the Irish Free State, was fully occupied with duties in connection with these positions, and she felt sure the Council would wish the Secretary to convey to Miss Reeves that, whilst appreciating her reasons for resignation, they desired to acquaint her with their regret.

Memorandum of Association and Bye-Laws.

It was agreed that the Memorandum of Association and Bye-Laws of the College should be printed in pamphlet form in a grey cover.

Courses of Lectures.

It was decided that the courses of Lectures for the Autumn Session should include:—

1. Classes on "The Conduct of Business at Committee Meetings—How to take a Chair," etc., by the President.
2. A Course of Lectures on the History of Nursing, by Miss Isabel Macdonald.
3. A Course of Lectures on Gynæcology.

The arrangements were referred to the Education Committee for further consideration.

Gifts to the College.

The following gifts, announced by the President, were accepted with much pleasure:—

- From Miss Violetta Thurstan—A tapestry hand-woven "Runner," her personal work.
- From Mrs. Bert Jordan—5s. for flowers.
- From Miss Jessie Holmes—Two Prints.
- From Mrs. Northwood—Powder Bowl and Powder.
- From Miss Bushby and Miss Bartleet—Clock for table in Council Chamber.
- From Miss G. R. Hale—Metal Tea Service.
- From Miss S. A. Villiers—Metal Tea Service.
- From Miss Lees—Harmsworth's Encyclopadia.
- From Miss Cancellor—Flowers.
- From Mrs. Sutton Phelan—£1.
- From Mrs. Lancelot Andrews—Ink Pot for Club Room.

Next Meeting of Council.

The next meeting of the Council was arranged for September 24th. The meeting then terminated.

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