

The application of a Member to be transferred to the Roll of Fellows was considered and approved.

The correspondence with the General Nursing Council for England and Wales on the question of an applicant for membership of the College—she having been registered under Rule (9) 1 (g) and thus disqualified when it would appear that she was otherwise qualified for Registration was read, and the suggestion of the Registrar that she should apply to the Council for further consideration was approved, and it was decided to recommend the applicant to take this course.

Election of Standing Committees.

The following members of the Council were elected to form the various Standing Committees, and to the Chairs:—

1. EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION.

Chair.—Miss Cochrane, R.R.C.

Miss Allbutt, Miss Bushby, Miss Graham, Miss Macaulay, R.R.C., O.B.E., Miss Villiers.

2. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC.

Chair.—Mrs. Lancelot Andrews.

Miss Allbutt and Miss Macdonald.

3. SOCIAL SCHEMES.

Chair.—Miss Macdonald.

Miss Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss Haswell.

4. FINANCE.

Chair.—Dr. Bedford Fenwick, Trustee and Treasurer.
Mrs. Andrews, Miss Bushby and Miss Cochrane, R.R.C.

5. PUBLIC HEALTH.

Chair.—Miss Villiers.

Miss Graham, Miss Macdonald.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and the two Vice-Presidents, Miss Breay and Miss H. L. Pearse, are *ex-officio* members of all Standing Committees.

Report of the Finance Committee.

The Report of the Finance Committee was approved and adopted. It included a grant for furniture and appliances for teaching purposes.

Report of the Education Committee.

The Report of the Education Committee, which had met three times since the last Meeting of the Council, was presented by Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., the Chairman. It included the recommendation of a Preliminary Course of Lectures on Anatomy and Physiology, Hygiene and Bacteriology, Chemistry of Food, and on the Theory of Nursing. It contained many admirable suggestions and was unanimously adopted.

Gifts to the College.

The Duke of York's Prayer Book.

The President announced that a most valuable old Prayer Book was one of the numerous gifts received for the College since the last Meeting. This fine book was on the table and greatly admired, and will be much valued by the College as it is by the generous donors,

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Gibson, F.B.C.N., who kindly furnished the following information:—

“An old book, like a piece of old furniture, is doubly interesting if something is known of its history.

This ancient Prayer Book was printed 167 years ago, and the original price was 15s.—unbound—very reasonable, having regard to the quality of the paper and the excellence of the printing. The red lines forming the margins of the pages, etc., are evidently ruled in by hand.

The book originally belonged to Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, a son of George III and uncle of Queen Victoria. The leather binding is embossed with the Royal Arms and cypher. It was probably used by the Duke in his pew at church, and the crimson silk (sarsenet ribbon) bookmarkers no doubt enabled him to find the places with ease—some Court official having first arranged the markers for His Royal Highness before the service.

Here it may also be recorded that in the House of Lords the Duke championed the cause of the Anglican Church against the encroachments of Rome—very appropriately since he had been created Bishop of Osnaburgh at the age of six months!

In these days of Prayer Book revision controversy it is of interest to turn over the pages of this old book and find the special services relating to King Charles the Martyr, and the Gunpowder Plot, long since deleted from the text.

Subsequent owners have inscribed their names and family incidents in the front blank pages. The various notes give a fairly continuous history of the book's wanderings up to date.

It is hoped that it will now find an honourable resting place in the library of the British College of Nurses: observing that its value as a genuine antique will increase with the years.”

Further gifts announced for which the Council are very grateful are:—

Large Japanese Tea Tray, for Club Room, from Miss Elliott.

Two Metal Hot Water Jugs, for Club Room, from Miss D. K. Graham.

Papier Mâché Tea Tray, for Council's use, from Miss A. M. Bushby.

Two pounds, not yet expended, from Mrs. Breckenridge, U.S.A.

Metal Tea Service for Club Room, from Mrs. Northwood.

Six Cups and Saucers, and Six Tea Plates for Club Room to match those already in use, from Miss Alice Cattell.

Heather, from Mrs. Andrews.

Monthly Obligation Day.

It was agreed that one day should be fixed as monthly Obligation Day, when members of the Council would attend to meet Fellows and Members who might wish to take the Obligation between 2.30 and 5 p.m. At present members intimate a convenient day and hour to the Secretary for performing this obligation—and this can continue to be done—but members of the Council often miss the personal meeting with

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