

the two Scrutineers shall report the name of the Candidate who has received the largest number of votes."

Nomination of Delegates to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

The President reported that the application of the College for affiliation to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain had been approved at the Annual Meeting on November 22nd, and this entitled them to nominate four delegates. She reminded the Council that the four Matrons' Associations affiliated had to nominate Matrons, and she hoped therefore that various classes of Nurses would be agreed. Ultimately Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Matron, Charing Cross Hospital; Miss A. S. Bryson, Matron, Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill (who had given able support to the National and International Councils in the past); Miss D. K. Graham, Lecturer and Tutor; and Miss I. Macdonald, Secretary, Royal British Nurses' Association, were nominated as delegates.

Registration of Nursing Homes Bill.

Miss M. Breay, Vice-President, made a report on the Registration of Nursing Homes Bill, now before Parliament. She pointed out that the Minister of Health proposed to amend the Bill, placing the Maternity Homes under the supervision of the larger authorities, the County Councils and County Borough Councils, leaving the Nursing Homes under the inspection of the minor authorities, thus depreciating the status of Nursing as apart from Maternity Homes.

The Council took strong exception to this principle, and agreed to take steps to have the Bill opposed unless amended in this particular.

Miss Lucy Ramsden, President of the Midwives' Institute, wrote supporting the maintenance of the County Councils or County Borough Councils as the supervising authority.

The Nursing of Male Criminals in Prisons.

The Secretary reported that, in reply to enquiries at the Home Office as to whether male prisoners if seriously ill were nursed by trained women Nurses, as women prisoners are, she was informed that male prisoners were nursed by male attendants, but that if a prisoner was dangerously ill a trained woman nurse was requisitioned from Holloway, and if a very serious operation was required a prisoner might be removed to a hospital.

The Council desired further information on this question, being of opinion that all sick prisoners, male as well as female, should be nursed by registered Nurses.

The Standard of Training for Fever Nurses.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That the Council of the British College of Nurses, the Membership of which is entirely composed of Registered Nurses, supports the reasons advanced by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales for declining to recognise the Borough of Hastings Sanatorium for Infectious Diseases as a complete Training School for Fever Nurses, and petitions the Minister of Health to reconsider his decision in this case."

It was agreed to send a copy of the Resolution to the Minister of Health.*

Gifts Received Since October 29th.

Mrs. Lancelot Andrews: Blotter.
Miss Gooding: One Pound.
Miss Allbutt: Three Pounds Eighteen Shillings.
Miss Pauline Shekleton: Book (Talks on Psychotherapy).
Miss Bushby: Six Silver Teaspoons.
Miss H. L. Pearse: Embroidered Linen Tea Cloth.
Miss Davies (Bradford): Two Pounds.
Miss J. B. N. Paterson: Magazine for Club Room.
Miss M. G. Willis: Flowers.
The Misses G. and E. Please: Tray with Water Jug and Glasses.

The Secretary had expressed gratitude for these useful gifts, and the Council asked her to express their warm appreciation of the kindness and generosity to the Misses Please and to assure them that their gift would be used on the table at meetings of the Council. It was agreed to spend the £2 so kindly sent through Miss Davies, of Bradford, on a clock for the Class Room, where it would be in constant use.

The next Meeting of the Council was fixed for December 31st.

The meeting then terminated.

FIXTURE FOR DECEMBER.

AT 39, PORTLAND PLACE, LONDON, W.1.
December 31st. Council Meeting. 3 p.m.

NOTICES.

Owing to the close proximity of Christmas, it has been decided that the last lecture on the History of Nursing, by Miss Isabel Macdonald, arranged for December 8th at the British College of Nurses, will not take place until the middle of January. This will be illustrated throughout with very beautiful lantern slides, and notice of the date will be given in next month's issue of this Journal.

In a November issue of the *Scottish Nursing Journal* half of the Articles of the Memorandum of Association of the British College of Nurses are published with the announcement that these advanced proofs are "specially contributed." We desire to refute this statement. These documents have not been sent to the *Scottish Nursing Journal*, either from the Office of the British College of Nurses or by permission of the Council.

A Regrettable Decision.

*This Resolution was forwarded to the Minister of Health and the following reply has been received from him:—

Ministry of Health,
Whitehall, S.W.1.

DEAR MADAM,

2nd December, 1927.

I am desired by Mr. Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st December, and to say that he has received the Resolution passed by the General Nursing Council to which the Resolution passed by the Council of the British College of Nurses refers and has informed the Council that he could not undertake to discuss with them a decision given in his judicial capacity.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) DOUGLAS VEALE.
Private Secretary.

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