

## THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

The twenty-first meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W., on Saturday, April 28th, at 3 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the chair, and the following members of Council were present:—Miss M. Breay, Vice-President; Miss Mary G. Allbutt, Mrs. Andrews, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss Mary S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss D. K. Graham, Miss I. Macdonald, Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Mrs. Strong, Fellows; and Miss E. J. Haswell, Member.

### Business arising from the Minutes of the Private Nursing Conference.

Further discussion took place on the Private Nursing Conference to be held at the College on May 4th, at 5 p.m.

### Result of the Examination on Elementary Psychology and its Application to Nursing.

The result of the examination on Elementary Psychology and Its Application to Nursing was submitted by Dr. Forsythe, as follows:—

Eight pupils presented themselves for examination, and had passed in the following order:—

Miss Mary Ernestine Thomson, Member of the Chartered Society of Massage, highly commended.

Miss Isobel Gwenyth Kitton, F.B.C.N., cert., Charing Cross Hospital, London.

Miss Dorothy Marriott, M.B.C.N., cert. University College Hospital, London.

Miss Isabel Dora Lowndes, F.B.C.N., Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End.

Miss Virginia Myfanwy Tavener, M.B.C.N., cert. Fulham Hospital, Hammersmith.

Miss Margaret Mary Cornock, M.B.C.N., cert. General Infirmary, Gloucester.

Miss Sarah Margaret Edwards, M.B.C.N., cert. Fulham Hospital, Hammersmith.

Miss Elizabeth Macintyre, F.B.C.N., Fulham Hospital, Hammersmith.

The Council received the report with pleasure, and agreed that the Certificates should be inscribed as soon as possible.

The First Prize—given by Miss Macaulay, R.R.C., F.B.C.N., Matron of the Kent County Mental Hospital—will be awarded to Miss M. E. Thomson; and the Second Prize, given by Miss Isabel Macdonald, F.B.C.N., will be awarded to Miss I. G. Kitton. The Council directed that their congratulations should be sent to the eight successful candidates.

Certificates and Prizes will be presented to recipients at the Annual Meeting to be held at the College on July 11th next.

### Correspondence.

#### THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL UNITY:—

1. A letter was received from Miss I. Macdonald, Secretary, Royal British Nurses' Association, informing the Council that the Executive Committee of the Association had accepted to take part in the Consultative Committee on Professional Unity, and had elected the following members subject to their consent to act:—

Miss Bickerton, R.R.C.; Miss Alice Cattell, Miss

Beatrice Cutler, Miss F. Dunne, Miss E. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Miss I. Macdonald and Miss Carson-Rae.

The Council proceeded to nominate the following seven members to consult with the Royal British Nurses' Association:—

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss M. Breay, Miss H. L. Pearse, Miss Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss Bushby, Miss Allbutt and Miss Villiers.

FAREWELL FROM MISS PEARL MORRISON AND MISS M. E. MISNER.

2. The following letter was read from Miss Pearl Morrison and Miss Misner:—

DEAR MRS. FENWICK—

Before we sail for Canada, Miss Misner and myself wish to thank you and your Council very much indeed for all you have done for us while in England. You have given us unlimited opportunities of studying nursing methods and conditions in England from all sides, and Miss Hale has been tireless in her good nature in working in appointments and arrangements for us. We have enjoyed the Lectures at the College and in every way the association with the Council, Fellows and Members. We return to Canada with very pleasant memories as well as beneficial professional results.

We were very much touched at the very lovely farewell dinner, and we can assure you the memory of it will live with us always.

We only hope we may have the opportunity of returning a little of the many kindnesses shown us, in Canada in 1929.

Very sincerely yours,

PEARL C. MORRISON.

MINNIE E. MISNER.

The Council expressed great pleasure with this evidence of gratification upon the part of the two first Dominion Fellows to use the College as a means of increasing their professional knowledge, and expressed a hope that this useful example would inspire others from overseas to pay England a visit and give their colleagues in the homeland the pleasure of closer personal friendship with them.

#### LETTER OF GRATITUDE FROM A FELLOW.

A letter was read from a Fellow expressing her sincere gratitude to the Council for help after a serious accident. This nurse was knocked down by a motor cyclist, and sustained injury and concussion. As there were no witnesses she had no legal redress, but her case having been privately reported by the Treasurer to a Director of the Society in which the cyclist was insured, the Board generously awarded her £25, although not compelled legally to do so. This case is proof of how necessary it is in these days of dangerous traffic for nurses to be insured against accidents, and also of the benefit of belonging to an organisation which can help them in time of need.

#### HONOUR FOR MISS M. HUXLEY, F.B.C.N.

A letter of thanks for congratulation from the Council on the signal honour bestowed upon her by the Dublin University, was received from Miss M. Huxley. The Council learned with pleasure that it was probable that her colleagues in the Irish Matrons' Association (of which the President of the College has the honour to be an Hon. Member) would signalise the occasion by giving a dinner in Miss Huxley's honour when the distinction

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