

**Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Saturday, May 19th, at 3 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

**ELECTION OF MEMBER ON THE COUNCIL FOR 1928.**

Nomination Papers can be procured from the Secretary on and after May 15th. These Papers must be returned to the Secretary by June 1st. The Ballot Papers will be sent out with names of candidates, the names of their six supporters, and their qualifications, on June 8th. This Ballot Paper must be returned to the Secretary by June 30th, and after the appointed scrutineers have counted the votes the candidate who has received the highest number will be elected.

Lists of Members and their addresses will not be supplied from the office, so that all candidates will have an equal chance of election without expenditure on a canvassing campaign, which so often results in the return of the candidate with the greatest financial support.

**HOW TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.**

As notified on page 110, it will be observed that nearly £1,000 has been allotted for educational purposes. Of this sum—

1. Four grants of £50 will be awarded to Fellows or Members desiring to train as Sister Tutors at King's College for Women, London, the Battersea Polytechnic, London, Leeds University, and other centres.

2. £250 to be divided into travelling grants to assist Fellows and Members desiring to attend Nursing or Scientific Congresses. £100 to be divided into five grants of £20 each, in connection with the International Congress on Tuberculosis and Reunion of Nurses in Rome, in September, and £150 divided into three grants of £50 each to assist three Fellows or Members to attend the International Congress of Nurses at Montreal, in July, 1929.

3. Three grants of £35 each to assist Fellows and Members desirous of obtaining the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board, towards the expense of midwifery training.

All Fellows and Members are eligible for these grants. Those desirous of making an application for any of them should address the Council, in writing, through the Secretary of the College, at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

In connection with the International Congress on Tuberculosis and Reunion of Nurses in Rome, preference may be given to Fellows and Members specially interested in tuberculosis work, and those who accept the grants will be expected to present to the Council, on their return, a report of the proceedings, and institutions visited.

**CONFERENCE ON "CONDITIONS OF PRIVATE NURSING."**

As we go to press the Conference on "Conditions of Private Nursing" is being held at the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. A report of the proceedings will be published in our June issue.

**FIXTURE FOR MAY.**

May 19th.—Council Meeting. 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 3 p.m.

**THE PROGRESS OF NURSING IN CANADA.**

A very interesting and enjoyable meeting was held in the beautiful Lecture Hall of the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Wednesday, April 18th. The chairman, F. A. Pauline, Esq., Agent-General for British Columbia, was introduced by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the College. Lovely roses, dainty and fragrant, were on the table.

Miss Pearl Morrison, F.B.C.N., Superintendent of the McKellar General Hospital, Fort William, Ontario, and Miss Minnie E. Misner, F.B.C.N., Supervisor of School Nurses under the Ontario Government Department of Health, spoke on the progress of nursing in Canada. Both ladies for the last three months had been studying nursing conditions in this country, and by keeping in close touch with their College were able to have the time at their disposal arranged to the best advantage.

Mr. Pauline, who expressed the regret of the Agent General for Ontario at being unable to occupy the chair, brought his colleague's best wishes for the success of the meeting. The British Empire was, he said, a large institution, and the more we could learn from one another and the ways in which the various activities were carried on, the better for the Empire. The two ladies who would speak to them had been over here for three months, learning about nursing procedures in this country, and comparing them with those they already knew.

**NURSING EDUCATION.**

Miss Pearl Morrison, who expressed her enjoyment of the time she had spent in this country and her appreciation of the interest and courtesy of the Matrons in the institutions she had visited, said that although British Columbia was a great distance from Ontario the nurses of both were, through the Canadian Nurses Association, more united than could easily be understood in this country. Throughout the Dominion they worked together for the education of the nurse and the ideals to be set before her. "Our Canadian Nurses Association," said Miss Morrison "holds us all together." She then described its organisation in detail through its Provincial Associations, with their special sections of Nursing Education, Public Health and Private Duty. Thus the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario had a Board of Directors composed of a President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, a Secretary-Treasurer and representatives of each of the three special sections, as well as from each district. Thus, when voting time came the nurses of each district were thoroughly organised and managed their own affairs. There was no outside money; no outside influence. (Applause.) Miss Morrison was impressed by the fact she had observed that in this country each hospital is more or less isolated from the others; therefore, their nurses were isolated also, and this continued at the end of their training. After training also a hospital often kept its graduates "right there" as private nurses or otherwise. In Canada they mostly left the hospitals after graduation, and mingled much more. Then as to pensions, the salaries in Canada were higher than here, and every nurse paid for her own pension. (Applause.)

Graduation Day in Canadian Hospitals took place once a year, when all the nurses of that year were graduated. A great deal was made of the ceremony, which was very pretty and effective. (This was described in detail in our March issue.)

Upon graduation the nurses in Ontario joined the Registered Nurses' Association of that Province and became sectional members of the Canadian Nurses' Association.

Miss Cochrane inquired whether there were any men in these organisations, and received an answer in the negative.

The Chairman said he had listened with pleasure to Miss

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