

Finance Standing Committee.

A very satisfactory report was received and adopted from the Finance Standing Committee. The Annual Statement of Accounts appears in another column.

Election of Vice-President.

Mrs. Andrews and Miss Graham, together with the Secretary, acted as scrutineers for the nomination and election of a Vice-President—in the place of Miss H. L. Pearse, whose two years' term of office has terminated.

The President announced that Miss S. A. Villiers had received the majority of votes, and that she was therefore duly elected a Vice-President for a term of two years. She welcomed Miss Villiers to this honourable position and felt sure that in the future as in the past she would do all in her power to help forward the work of the Council.

Miss Villiers returned thanks with her usual modesty and charm, and said she was exceedingly sensible of the honour conferred upon her, and would honestly try to further the interests of the College by every means in her power, conscientiously and loyally.

Miss Villiers is well known to her colleagues as she has for so many years served their interests in helping to obtain State Registration of Nurses; and as a member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, as a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, of the Matrons' Council, as a Fellow of the British College of Nurses since its inception in 1926, and of the Fever Nurses' Association, and more recently as President of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association. The National and International Councils of Nurses have a warm supporter in Miss Villiers, and she hopes to attend the International Congress of Nurses at Montreal in July, 1929.

The Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications were received and Fellows and Members elected.

Financial Statement.

A very satisfactory financial statement of subscriptions from Fellows and Members was presented.

The Council specially commended the number who had so promptly paid their subscriptions, the totals for the first three weeks in July being no less than £773 17s. This proved the real interest of the Founder Fellows and Members of the College in its principles, and was most encouraging. The only safe basis of professional organisation is self support, free of patronage and charity, which is the basic principle upon which the British College of Nurses is founded, and the only one

on which Registered Nurses can hope to build up a worthy profession and increase in usefulness, dignity and prestige.

Grants for Sister Tutors.

One grant of £50 was awarded to Miss Margaret Ball F.B.C.N., Cert. Royal Infirmary, Halifax and Leeds Maternity Hospital, if she attained the required standard by examination.

The Council agreed to extend the date for receiving applications for grants.

Training in Midwifery.

A grant of £35 was awarded to Miss Patricia Oakley Williams, F.B.C.N., Cert. Blackburn and East Lancashire Infirmary.

Other applicants were referred for further information, the grants to be dependent upon suitability.

Gifts to the College.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick: Pair of antique bell handles, amber glass mounted on ormolu for Council Room.

Miss M. Breay: Two dozen tumblers for iced coffee.

Miss E. Williams: Flowers; Clothes Brush and hanger for the Members' toilet room; "A Short Practice of Midwifery for Nurses." By Henry Jellett, M.D. Dublin, F.R.C.P.I.

Miss Bushby: Flower vases and flowers.

Miss B. Treasure: Flower vases and flowers.

Miss Graham: Flowers.

Miss Cancellor: Flowers.

Miss Hetherington: Magazines.

Mrs. Alec Tweedie: £2 2s. for gift for College.

Other Business.

Miss H. L. Pearse, Hon. Secretary, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, was nominated as an official delegate for election by the National Council at the Annual Meeting in November.

Next Meeting.

During August there will be no Meeting of the Council.

The next Meeting was fixed for Saturday, September 8th, at 2 p.m.

FIXTURE FOR SEPTEMBER.

September 8th.—Council Meeting. 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2 p.m.

MEETING OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the Education Committee was held at 39, Portland Place, W., on Tuesday, July 24th, at 4 p.m.

Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., was in the Chair. It was agreed the new Session should open in October with a meeting to be held at Headquarters to receive the reports from delegates to the International Congress on Tuberculosis with Nursing Section, to be held in Rome in September.



MISS SUSAN A. VILLIERS, F.B.C.N.
Member of the General Nursing Council
for England and Wales.
President, Infectious Hospitals Matrons'
Association.
Elected a Vice-President of the British
College of Nurses, July, 1928.

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