

superstructure of the building to be slowly and surely erected upon them.

Its future success depends upon the enthusiasm, the public spirit, the idealism, and the altruistic endeavour which each Fellow and Member brings to its service.

The future of the College is in their hands, and they have shown that they are not lacking in these qualities.

In Conclusion.

In conclusion, the Council of the College desires to express its gratitude to the Trustees for their continued interest in its welfare, and their further financial assistance this year, and to the Hon. Treasurer, Dr. Bedford Fenwick, for the large amount of personal work which this office has entailed upon him.

Signed on behalf of the Council of The British College of Nurses,

ETHEL G. FENWICK,
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Miss Mary Burr, F.B.C.N., heartily congratulated the Council on the amount of work accomplished, and on the proposition of Miss Bartleet, F.B.C.N., the Annual Report was unanimously adopted.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Hon. Treasurer, Dr. Bedford Fenwick, presented a highly satisfactory Financial Report, which we print on the preceding page, and most lucidly explained it in detail, concluding by proposing that it should be adopted and placed on the minutes. This was seconded by Miss Jessie Holmes and carried unanimously.

A cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Fenwick for the immense amount of work he had performed for the College during the year, as evidenced in the Financial Report, proposed by Miss Beatrice Kent, was carried by acclamation.

Amendment to the Constitution.

The next business was to consider an amendment to the Constitution: "That the sum of £1,000 should be substituted for £2,000 to be set aside every year for Pensions."

The Treasurer explained that the bye-law defining the regulations for Pensions made provision for £2,000 to be invested each year to form the capital of the College Pension Fund, but he was now faced with the strong desire of the Council to set aside £1,000 annually for educational purposes, which he thought it was very wise to do, rather than to tie up so large a sum of money.

The Pensions of £52 a year for a Fellow and £25 for a Member, for life, would be assured when awarded as promised in 1935, by money already invested, and by setting aside not less than £1,000 each year for the Pension Fund.

Dr. Fenwick then proposed the amendment, which was seconded by Miss Hetherington, and carried unanimously.

Presentation of Certificates.

The President presented the first Certificates awarded after examination by the College on the subject of "Psychology and its Application to Nursing" to the four successful candidates, Miss M. E. Thomson, Miss S. M. Edwards, Miss I. Lowndes, and Miss E. Macintyre, who were able to be present, also the first prize to Miss M. E. Thomson, presented by Miss E. L. Macaulay. Charming sheaves of flowers were also presented to these ladies, with which they were manifestly delighted.

Appointment of Auditors.

Messrs. H. Rendall Gothard, who had audited and signed the accounts for the previous year on July 3rd,

three days after the end of the financial year, were re-elected as auditors for the ensuing year.

Votes of Thanks.

Miss Treasure proposed a vote of thanks to the Treasurer which was passed with acclamation, and Miss Macdonald proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Chair, and said that perhaps only the Council knew what amount of work Mrs. Bedford Fenwick had put into the College, and also into the journalistic department. She was a marvel to them all. Miss Pearse in seconding, said that few people could do what the President could do.

The Chairman in returning grateful thanks associated with herself in the work of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING Miss Margaret Breay, whose devotion, labour and literary talent were unexcelled in the Nursing World.

Dr. Fenwick thanked the Members of the Council for their work, and said that all of them had pulled full weight. The success of the College to a large extent depended upon the Council. He also thanked the Secretary and clerical staff, which expressions of approval were heartily cheered.

THE RECEPTION.

The Reception at the conclusion of the meeting was a very gay and happy gathering. The Fellows and Members were joined by many friends to whom they were manifestly delighted to show their beautiful Headquarters, which were greatly admired.

The tea, iced coffee, cakes, and ices, served in the Secretary's Office, were as good to look at as they were to taste, and the dominant note which permeated the House, was one of honourable pride, that the Fellows and Members were able to offer their guests such charming hospitality in such dignified surroundings, their own College governed by themselves.

AUTUMN PLANS.

Fellows and Members of the College will be interested to know that several courses of Lectures have been decided upon to be held in the autumn.

Miss M. S. Cochrane and Miss D. K. Graham have been appointed Examiners in connection with the award of Sister-Tutor Grants.

VISITORS FROM OVERSEAS.

It has been a great pleasure to the Council of the British College of Nurses to receive many visitors from Overseas during the past month. One who was specially welcome was Dr. Helen MacMurchy, Director of Child Welfare in connection with the Public Health Department, Ottawa, Canada, and Miss Dorothy Snell, R.N., Matron of the Scuola Convitto Regina Elena in Rome, who with the Marchesa Maraini, President, will entertain a number of British Nurses during the Congress week.

On July 28th most interesting and interested visitors were Miss Jean Browne, a past President of the Canadian Nurses' Association, and Miss Robertson, also from Canada, Miss Gertrude Hodgman, M.A., Professor in Yale University School of Nursing, Miss Itta Frascara, General Secretary of the International Congress on Tuberculosis to be held in Rome in September and an Italian colleague, all of whom expressed admiration of the College, and its appointments.

At a friendly and informal tea-party the conversation naturally turned on the forthcoming Nursing Congress in Rome, and that to which so many nurses in Great Britain are looking forward, the Congress of the International Council of Nurses in Montreal next year.

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