

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

The twentieth meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday March 24th, at 3 p.m. The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the chair and the following members of the Council were present: Miss M. Breay and Miss H. L. Pearse, Vice-Presidents; Miss Mary G. Allbutt, Mrs. Andrews, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss D. K. Graham, Miss I. Macdonald, Miss E. L. Macaulay, R.R.C., Mrs. Strong, Miss S. A. Villiers, Fellows, and Miss E. J. Haswell, Member.

Business arising from the Minutes. The Private Nursing Conference.

The date of the Conference on Conditions of Private Nursing, was fixed for Friday, May 4th, at 5 p.m.—and it was agreed that in addition to the representatives of Private Nursing Organisations who had accepted the invitation to take part in the Conference, Private Nurses wishing to be present would be welcomed in the hope that they would discuss their own special branch of Nursing. Such Nurses could attend by notifying the Secretary.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, will be in the Chair, and the Discussion will be opened by Miss Isabel Macdonald, Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

Correspondence.

Many letters of more or less interest were read.—

1. From the Secretary of a hospital—notifying that the Chairman would place a letter of protest from the Council, on the treatment of a Fellow, before the Board of the Hospital at an early date.

2. Letters from Fellows asking for advice and financial help—to which replies were agreed.

3. Letter from Member in Scotland asking for a list of Members' addresses for election purposes.

The Council decided that this request could not be accorded.

The method of the Election on the Council of one Member in June would be as follows:—

Any Member could apply for a Nomination Paper in May (date to be fixed) and all Members duly nominated and supported by six Members, would have names and qualifications sent out on the Ballot Paper, and it was agreed that the name of every Member so nominated and a list of supporters would be published alphabetically in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, which is sent free to every Member of the College, so that electors would have information concerning the professional record of each candidate, to enable them to select their own representative.

Thanks for Diplomas.

Miss Elizabeth Divens, writes: "I have to acknowledge with thanks, the beautiful Diploma. . . . I can't say how proud I am to possess it, and I shall endeavour to live up to the high ideals the College has set before me."

Miss E. E. Davis, writes: "Thank you so very much for the Diploma which arrived safely and so beautifully packed—I have taken it to be framed."

Miss Mary Carruthers writes: "Please accept my sincere thanks for the beautiful Diploma. . . . It is

beautifully designed and most artistic. I am so pleased to have it, and will do my best to uphold the honour of the British College of Nurses."

Miss Lily Mutton, in sending thanks for the Diploma, writes: "It far exceeds my expectations and I shall value it greatly."

Miss Janet Niccol, writes: "I like the simple style that has been adopted, and am particularly pleased to see the name of my first Matron (Mrs. Strong) inscribed thereon."

Miss Muriel Gibson thinks the Diploma "very beautiful and I am proud to be a Foundation Fellow."

Congratulations.

Charming letters of thanks were received from Miss Janet Niccol, and Miss Hilary H. Riggall—thanking the Council for congratulations upon appointment to new posts—both of whom hope to help to consolidate the work of the College.

Report of the Education Committee.

An interesting Report was received and adopted. One recommendation is of special interest:—

"That a Consultative Committee should be formed without prejudice to act with the Royal British Nurses' Association, to consider by what means the Nursing Profession can be consolidated and more unity obtained."

The Certificate to be awarded to successful candidates after examination on Dr. Forsythe's Lectures on "Elementary Psychology and its Application to Nursing" was agreed upon.

It was announced that Miss Macaulay had kindly offered to give a Prize to the student who came out first in the Examination.

Proposal of giving Lectures in the Provinces was approved. Local Consuls to be asked to recommend the Lecturers.

Other Lectures were approved, amongst them a lecture on Modern Child Welfare, and on Re-education of the Muscles.

The Report announced that Miss Pearl Morrison and Miss M. Misner had consented to speak at the College on April 18th, at 5 p.m., on "Nursing Education and Public Health Nursing in Canada," when it was hoped a representative Canadian would preside.

Fellows and Members to be cordially invited to be present.

Report of the Finance Committee.

£1,000 FOR EDUCATIONAL SCHEMES.

The Treasurer, Dr. Bedford Fenwick, who was in the Chair, announced that in July there would be £1,000 in hand to spend for Educational purposes, and the most useful method of expending the money available for the benefit of Fellows and Members was referred to the Education Committee for their consideration. The Council received this item in the Report with great pleasure, and expressed the hope that Scholarships for Sister Tutors, Public Health Work, Travelling, and to help International Delegates would be included in the recommendations.

The Council realised the importance of professional workers like nurses making provision for Insurance, Sickness and Accident, and for a deferred annuity at a

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