

National Council of Nurses, in offering hospitality to foreign colleagues at the International Congress of Nurses at Montreal in July. A sum of £25 was allotted.

Secretary's Report.

The suggestion that the Secretary should present a short Report of the College activities to the Council monthly was approved.

Promotion of Members.

The Secretary was directed to convey the congratulations of the Council to—

Miss M. Sheehan, F.B.C.N., on her appointment as Matron, King George V. Sanatorium, Godalming.

Miss A. L. Cook, F.B.C.N., on her appointment as Assistant Matron, Redhill Hospital, Edgware.

Miss Henrietta Ballard, M.B.C.N., on obtaining the Diploma of the Examination for "Teachers of Midwifery."

Gifts.

The following gifts to the College were reported and gratitude expressed:—

Miss Ellis Rowell: "Life of Elizabeth Fry" (Corder).

Mr. T. K. Watson: "A Handbook for Nurses."

Mr. H. C. Rutherford Darling: "Elementary Hygiene for Nurses," "Surgical Nursing and After Treatment."

Miss I. M. G. Davy: Gray's "Anatomy," "Surgical Operations" (E. W. Hey Groves).

Miss A. M. Bushby: 5s. for Flowers.

Miss H. F. Dickson: 9s. for Flowers.

Miss M. S. Cochrane: 5s. for Flowers.

Miss F. Smyth: Box of lovely violets.

Next Meeting of the Council.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council should be held on May 25th, at 2 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

FIXTURES FOR MAY.

AT 39, PORTLAND PLACE, LONDON, W.1.

May 7th.—Debate on "The Pre-War Nurse and the Nurse of To-day." 8 p.m.

May 14th.—Lecture by Dr. Saleeby, on "Sunlight and Health," with lantern slides. 8 p.m.

May 16th.—Miss A. M. Bushby, F.B.C.N., and Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., F.B.C.N., Councillors, "At Home," at the College. 4-6.30 p.m.

May 23rd.—Meeting of the Education Committee. 4 p.m.

May 25th.—Council Meeting. 2 p.m.

FIXTURES FOR JUNE.

AT 39, PORTLAND PLACE, LONDON, W.1.

June 13th.—Miss M. G. Allbutt, F.B.C.N., and Miss K. M. Latham, R.R.C., M.B.C.N., Councillors, "At Home," at the College. 4-6.30 p.m.

On Tuesday, May 7th, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, took the chair at 39, Portland Place, W., at a most interesting debate on "The Pre-War Nurse and the Nurse of To-day." Miss E. F. Brownsdon, F.B.C.N., led the Debate on the Pre-War Nurse, and Miss S. Vian, F.B.C.N., on the Nurse of To-day, in excellent speeches, which indicated that there is much unrevealed talent amongst the Fellows and Members of the College. We hope to report the Debate more fully in our next issue.

LIVE QUESTIONS FOR NURSES IN THE NEW PARLIAMENT.

The meeting convened by invitation of the President and Council of the British College of Nurses in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Great Portland Street, London, W., on Monday April 29th, to discuss "Live Questions for Nurses in the New Parliament," was most successful and inspiring in spite of a combination of disappointments which might have damped the ardour of the most eager.

Firstly, Major Sir Richard Barnett, M.P., that true friend of Nurses—known indeed far and wide as "the Nurses Champion in the House of Commons" and recognised in Parliament as an expert on matters affecting their interests—who was to have taken the Chair, was ill and unable to be present, and combined with the disappointment of his absence, and consequently of the invigorating atmosphere diffused by his genial personality, there was sorrow on the part of those present that their friend should be ill and suffering; the next blow was that Mr. W. Patrick Spens, O.B.E., K.C., a prospective candidate for the constituency of South West St. Pancras, was also forbidden by his doctor to leave the house.

It was fortunate indeed that Mr. J. W. W. Hopkins, M.P., Member for S.E. St. Pancras, a loyal supporter of the Nurses when their Registration Bill was before Parliament, and a personal friend of Sir Richard Barnett, was able at short notice to step into the breach and occupy the chair in his stead. When he came on to the platform, supported by Miss Isabel Macdonald, Mrs. Spens and Mr. Alfred Beit, the Hall, which was seated for 400, was filled to capacity with an audience which, throughout the meeting, followed every point made with keen alertness, and applauded it with enthusiasm.

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Mr. Hopkins on rising to address the meeting said that he certainly felt he owed it some explanation for his presence in the Chair. He then announced the illness of Sir Richard Barnett, and also that Mr. Spens's doctor had forbidden him to leave the house, and read the following letters:

Letter from Major Sir Richard Barnett, M.P.

My dear Hopkins,

It is with real regret that I find myself unable through illness to preside at the meeting this afternoon, and to introduce to the Nurses my friend and successor, Mr. W. Patrick Spens, K.C. I am exceedingly obliged to you for offering, at such short notice, to take my place.

When, very reluctantly, I arrived some months ago at the decision not to present myself for re-election to Parliament, my chief anxiety was to find someone who, in succeeding me, would be willing to identify himself with the great causes which I have been privileged to assist, and notably with that of the Nursing Profession.

I believe that in Mr. Spens the Nurses will find that they have a champion after their own heart.

I have, of course, no desire to make party capital out of any little service that I may have rendered to the Nurses and their cause, but I cannot refrain from adding a word of thanks to Mr. Alfred Beit, your own successor in S.E. St. Pancras, for the promise he has given to promote the objects of to-day's meeting.

With kindest regards,
Sincerely yours,

RICHARD BARNETT.

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