

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The thirty-third Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, May 25th, at 2 p.m. The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and the following Members were present:—Miss M. Breay and Miss S. A. Villiers, *Vice Presidents*; Miss M. G. Allbutt, Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss D. K. Graham, Miss I. MacDonald, *Fellows*; and Miss E. J. Haswell and Miss K. M. Latham, R.R.C., *Members*.

Prayers having been read by the Secretary, the Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.

Correspondence.

Letters were received and considered:

1. Letter from the Secretary of State for Home Affairs acknowledging the receipt of the letter sent to him on May 9th containing further evidence of the treatment of a victim of Encephalitis Lethargica, sentenced by the Kingston County Bench to one month's hard labour without any enquiry whatever into his physical condition.

2. Letter from a Member relative to a Benevolent Grant. A grant of £5 has been sent to her.

3. Letter from a Fellow thanking the Council for help and advice.

4. Letter from Mr. John Whieldon (Major Sir Richard Barnett's cousin) thanking the President and Council for letter of sympathy to him in his illness, and for the gift of flowers sent, which he greatly appreciated.

5. Letter from Miss A. Giffen congratulating the President and Council on the great success of the Public Meeting held at Holy Trinity Parish Hall on April 29th, to discuss "Live Questions for Nurses in the Next Parliament," and supporting the suggestion made by the President that there should, if possible, be a Nurse Representative in Parliament in the future.

6. Letter from a Fellow asking for Legal Advice.

7. Letter from Miss P. Oakley Williams (to whom a

Grant of £35 had been given towards training for the C.M.B. Examination) stating that she had successfully passed the Central Midwives Board's Examination.

8. Letters from Miss Mary Davy, Miss E. Brownsdon and Miss Agnes Henderson acknowledging the receipts of the Grants of £50 towards attending the International Congress of Nurses at Montreal, July, 1929.

9. Letter from Mrs. How Martin sending copy of explanatory pamphlet and manifesto to the Press relative to the necessity for knowledge on Birth Control, and asking for sympathisers to co-operate in this effort

by bringing it before Parliamentary candidates. Many Members of the Council who approve of accurate knowledge of the question being available took papers for distribution.

10. Letters of thanks for congratulations and for Diplomas.

Miss A. S. Milne, c/o Medical Dept., Dodoma, Tanganyika, E. Africa: "I write to acknowledge the receipt of the Diploma of the British College of Nurses, and to say how pleased I am to have it. The JOURNAL reaches me regularly now every month, and helps to keep me in touch with Nursing affairs at home. My very best wishes for the success of the College."

Miss I. M. Anderson, Bedford: "I acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of my Diploma. I sincerely hope that the College will achieve the success which its founders hope for it, and will become a powerful organisation for the good of the Nursing Profession."

Miss Constance M. Hussey, Adelaide, S. Australia: "My Diploma of the British College of Nurses has

arrived quite safely, and I am very delighted to be able to possess it, it is so beautiful. I am also very glad to be a Member of the College, and to be able to receive the JOURNAL each month, which is so interesting."

Miss M. Hitchcock, New Zealand: "I wish to acknowledge receipt of my Diploma and to say how greatly I appreciate having it."

Special Meeting of the Council.

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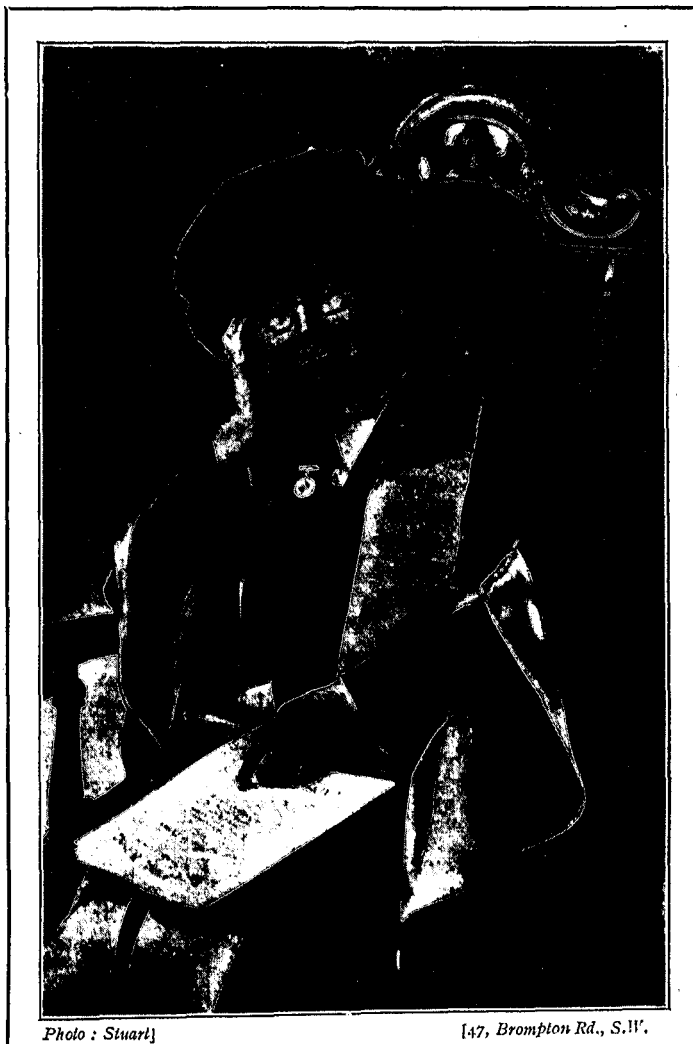


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MISS MARGARET BREAY, S.R.N., F.B.C.N.
First Vice-President, British College of Nurses. Nominated by
the President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain
as her proxy on the Board of Directors and the Grand Council at
the Meeting of the I.C.N., Montreal.

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