

Portland Place, on Tuesday, May 21st, at 4 p.m., the President being in the Chair, to consider a Resolution to be sent to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, in opposition to the demand of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association that an Examination of Nurses conducted by that Body shall entitle persons to have their names placed upon the State Register of Nurses authorised by Act of Parliament under the direction of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

The following Resolution was adopted:—

That the Council of the British College of Nurses do forthwith communicate to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales its considered opinion that the demand of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association to have its examination for Mental Nurses recognised as a portal of admission to the State Register of Nurses, is one which, if conceded, will inevitably destroy the whole principle of the one-portal system of admission to the State Register, a system which is held to be fundamental to the efficient functioning of the Registration Act.

The establishment of any precedent whereby a voluntary body shall be empowered to obtain for itself such a privilege, would tend to dissipate the powers of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to maintain full control of the Register of which Parliament has appointed it the custodian. Furthermore, if the demand of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association be conceded, other bodies might, on such precedent, make claims that their examinations should qualify for admission to the State Register, and in time all uniformity of nursing educational standards would cease to exist.

On these grounds Registered Nurses would regard any delegation of power by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales in connection with its examinations, as a grave betrayal of the rights of the Nursing Profession secured by Act of Parliament.

It was unanimously agreed that a copy of the Resolution should be sent to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, with the request that it should be presented to the General Nursing Council at the first available opportunity.

Defence and Protection.

A Sub-Committee to consider Regulations for Defence and Protection of Fellows and Members was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Monday, May 6th, at 4 p.m. The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and Miss M. Breay, Miss S. A. Villiers and Miss A. M. Bushby were present.

Draft regulations were considered and approved to be submitted to the Council after having been submitted to the solicitor.

The Regulations in legal form were considered by the Council and adopted.

Report of the Education Committee.

A Meeting of the Standing Education Committee was held at the College on May 23rd, Miss M. S. Cochran, R.R.C., was in the Chair.

Sister Tutors' Grants.

The application of Miss Edith Foulkes Pritchard for a Sister Tutor's Grant of £50 was favourably considered, and it was agreed that the Official Application Form should be sent to her to fill in, and that she should be informed to await the Examination. It was agreed that it should be notified through the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* that the fourth Grant of £50 was available and application might be made for it to the Secretary.

The fees for the Coaching Classes and for tuition were

considered and a new scale was suggested. It was agreed to recommend to the Council that the previous fee of £1 1s. for the whole course be rescinded. A uniform fee for lectures at the College was agreed.

Books for the Library were considered in addition to those approved. A list for a Health Visitors' Course and also for the Sister Tutors' Course were considered. Miss Cochran presented the Report to the Council and it was adopted.

Miss Graham's Report.

Miss Graham reported that she had held a large number of Meetings and gave much interesting information concerning them. She also reported that she had given Coaching Classes in the following subjects: Surgery, Surgical Nursing, Gynæcology, Gynæcological Nursing, General Nursing, and Practical Nursing Demonstrations. She was thanked for her excellent work.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported the College activities during the month. The number of letters received and communications sent out, number of visitors, number of those who had attended to take the Obligation, and tea in the Club Room, and the Lectures and At Homes.

Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications were received for Fellowship and Membership and all the applicants were elected.

Financial Report.

The Chairman presented a satisfactory Financial Report.

Annual Meeting of the College.

It was agreed that the third Annual Meeting of the College should be held on Thursday, July 11th, at 39, Portland Place, W.1, at 3 p.m. An Amendment to the Constitution was agreed: "That the quorum for Council Meetings should be five instead of seven." The Council is now composed of 12 persons instead of 15.

Promotion of Members.

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

Miss A. Kitchen, M.B.C.N., on her appointment as Matron of the Red House Residential Nursery, Headingley, Leeds.

Miss G. Barcham, F.B.C.N., on her appointment as Matron of the Pinewood Sanatorium, Wokingham, Berkshire.

Gifts.

The following Gifts were reported and gratitude expressed:

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick: "Memorials of Agnes Elizabeth Jones" by her Sister, to the Isla Stewart Memorial Bookcase.

Miss M. Breay: "The Rise and Fall of New France," by Professor George M. Wrong, to the Isla Stewart Memorial Bookcase.

Miss I. Macdonald: Sanitary Law and Practice; The Principles and Practice of Medicine," Osler.

Miss A. M. Bushby: State Register for 1929.

Miss B. Treasure: Foliage.

Miss G. Vergette: 5s. for Flowers.

Miss Mary Carruthers: Flowers.

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