

## THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

### THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

The Third Annual Meeting of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, W.1, on Thursday, July 11th, at 3 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, F.B.C.N., was in the Chair in her Robes of Office, supported by Dr. Bedford Fenwick, Treasurer and Trustee, and the following Councillors and Ex-Councillors were present, making a gay group in their beautiful Robes: Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss D. K. Graham, Miss E. Kennedy, Miss I. Macdonald, Miss H. L. Pearse, and Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., *Fellows*, and Miss A. M. Bright and Miss K. M. Latham, R.R.C., *Members*, and in the body of the Hall some sixty Fellows and Members.

The President called upon Miss G. Reynolds-Hale, R.R.C., Secretary, to read the notice convening the meeting. Prayers having been read, the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the Third Annual Report of the Council, which showed that much progress had been made in all the branches of the work of the College since the last Annual Meeting.

### THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR 1928-1929.

In presenting the third Annual Report of the British College of Nurses to its Annual Meeting, the Council is glad to congratulate its Fellows and Members on its continued success and important progress during the past year.

#### Meetings.

During the year the Council has met twelve times and transacted a large amount of business, and the Standing Committees have given considered attention to the various activities of the College.

#### A History of Nursing Committee.

The Council has appointed a History of Nursing Standing Committee for the collection of historical data and objects of professional and personal interest.

The College already possesses extremely valuable documents in connection with the State Registration Movement, and the International Nursing Movement.

At its last Meeting the Council secured an autographed photograph of Miss Florence Nightingale, and an interesting letter in her beautiful handwriting and signed by her.

#### Membership.

The Membership of the College has steadily increased at home and abroad. It is regretted that we have lost by death this year five Fellows and two Members.

#### Retiring Members of the Council.

This year we lose from the Council the very valuable services of Miss M. G. Allbutt and Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, both of whom have served for a term of three years, Councillors for whose work their colleagues on the Council desire in the name of the College to express their sincere thanks and appreciation.

#### New Members of the Council.

Miss Susan A. Villiers, S.R.N., was elected a Vice-President in the place of Miss H. L. Pearse at the Meeting of the Council on July 21st, 1928.

This year for the first time the Regulations for Election have come into force, there were two vacancies on the

Council for Fellows, and one vacancy for a Member, to serve for a term of three years.

Eleven nominations were received for the vacancies for Fellows of the Council, and the following ladies have been elected: Miss Kathleen Anna Smith, R.R.C., Matron, West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Regent's Park, and Miss Elizabeth Kennedy, Ward Sister, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

As only one nomination was received for the office of Member, that of Miss Alice Mary Bright, no ballot for a Member was necessary, and Miss Bright's nomination was confirmed by the Council at its Meeting on June 29th.

Miss Bright is a Member of the Registered Nurses' Association, trained at the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, where she was promoted to be Sister. She also held the position of Sister in Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Reserve, and has been engaged in Private Nursing for ten years.

#### The Annual Dinner.

The Second Annual Dinner was held on July 10th, 1928, at the Hotel Metropole, at which the President presided, and it was unanimously acclaimed a most inspiring occasion. The Guests of Honour were a representative from the Colonial Office, High Commissioners and Agents-General of the Dominions of the Empire, whose speeches on nursing activities in Newfoundland, Canada, Ontario, Australia, Africa and British India, were received with interest and acclamation.

#### "At Homes" at the College.

Several "At Homes" have been given at the College by the Councillors, and Fellows and Members have greatly appreciated the opportunity of meeting together, of coming into personal touch with one another, and discussing interests in common.

#### The College Badge.

The design for the College Badge has been approved by the Council, and the Badge is now procurable and can be obtained from the Secretary, price 10s., including the engraving of name and College number, and postage.

#### The College Diploma.

Much pleasure has been expressed by Fellows and Members at home and overseas on receiving the College Diploma, on the beauty of its design and the inclusion on the scroll of the names of British Pioneers of Nursing.

#### "The British Journal of Nursing."

Warm appreciation is expressed in many letters of the value of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. During the year the great task of tabulating and filing the copies of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING from its inception in 1888 to the present day has been accomplished, and copies of the 1,925 issues are now in place in the recording office of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, on the third floor of the College.

The work was supervised by Miss M. Breay, Vice-President, Miss B. Treasure gave indefatigable help, and thanks are due to Miss Angel and Miss Bowering for their excellent clerical work in this connection.

In the 76 bound volumes of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is contained the detailed history of the organisation of the Nursing Profession, and the State control of nursing education and Registration.

#### Scope of the Work of the Council.

The Council of the College has been mainly concerned during the past twelve months in consolidating its work in the following directions: The promotion of (1) efficient professional and civic education, (2) the economic security of its Fellows and Members, (3) their legal protection, and (4) Social and Benevolent help.

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