

Midwifery Grants.

Applications were received and considered for grants of £35 towards training for the Central Midwives Board Examination, and it was agreed that the three following candidates should be recommended to the Council:—

Miss Ellen Barry, F.B.C.N., trained Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital.

Miss Gladys Ellen Marsh, F.B.C.N., trained North Middlesex Hospital, Edmonton.

Miss Nora Angela Lennon, M.B.C.N., trained at Fulham Infirmary.

It was agreed that applications from those wishing to train at a later date might be favourably considered at a future meeting.

Grants for Lectures at the Tropical Diseases Hospital.

Grants were recommended to enable the three following applicants to attend the Autumn Course of Lectures at the Tropical Diseases Hospital, beginning on October 1st; To Miss Henrietta G. Ballard, M.B.C.N., trained at the City of Westminster Infirmary; to Miss Cissie Rigby, F.B.C.N., trained at the Withington Hospital, West Didsbury; and to Miss Alice Russell, trained at the East Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich.

It was further agreed that statistics should be obtained from foreign countries of special subjects of interest to nurses, so that when travelling grants were awarded suitable curricula would be available.

Coaching Classes.

It was reported that seven applications had been received for Coaching Classes and that Miss Graham began teaching on September 5th, to prepare pupils for the forthcoming examination of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

The Report was adopted.

The Council also agreed to give grants to Miss E. Macintyre, trained at Fulham Hospital, London, also to Miss Nellie Williams, trained at Fulham Hospital, to attend the Course of Lectures on Tropical Diseases.

Short Report by Miss Breay.**International Council of Nurses.**

Miss Breay, First Vice-President, gave a brief report of the activities of the College in connection with the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Montreal, and presented a balance sheet of expenditure by the College.

Miss Breay stated that Miss I. M. G. Davy, F.B.C.N., had carried out her mission of placing a laurel wreath on the Conjoint Monument to Generals Wolfe and Montcalm at Quebec with great sympathy, which had given much pleasure to many residents at Quebec—a number of whom had visited the Monument to inspect the wreath, which they greatly admired.

Miss Bushby proposed, and it was agreed to send a vote of thanks to Miss Davy for the successful manner in which she had carried out the wishes of the Council in this connection. Miss Breay assured the Council that the whole organisation of the Meeting at Montreal was beyond praise, the hospitality exhaustless, and Congress Papers and Discussions of a high professional standard.

Miss Breay reported to the Council that together with the British College of Nurses, the College of Nursing, and the Association of Hospital Matrons,

the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain had given a Luncheon in the Vice-Regal Suite at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Montreal, to some 60 guests, including the members of the Board of Directors of the I.C.N., prominent members of the Canadian Nurses' Association and other distinguished members of the Congress. This luncheon was pronounced one of the most successful of the festive gatherings. Each of the three organisations contributed £17 10s., and with a gift of £5 donated through Miss Villiers from the Matrons' Council of Great Britain, the cost of the luncheon, decorated as it was with lovely pale pink peonies, was covered.

The College also entertained all Canadian Fellows and Members present at the Congress at the Banquet on July 10th.

All Fellows and Members were also entertained to Breakfast on the verandah of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on July 13th, and Mlle. Chaptal, the President-elect, was also entertained to dinner, at which that very good friend of the College, Dr. Helen MacMurphy, of Ottawa, was also present.

Towards the expenses of this hospitality Miss Villiers kindly subscribed £3. Wreaths, photographs and cables were also paid for through the hospitality grant.

The President reported that delightful letters had been received by her from the President, Miss Nina Gage, the President-elect, Mlle. Chaptal, Miss Gunn, Canada, Miss L. L. Dock, U.S.A., Dr. Helen MacMurphy, Toronto; Miss Lyyli Hagan, Finland; Mrs. Bennie, South Africa; Miss Morrison and Miss Misner, Canada, and numerous other friends all expressing their great pleasure at the success of the Congress, which was being so ably reported by Miss Breay in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

The Council was gratified to receive descriptive letters from the three Fellows to whom grants were made to enable them to attend the Meetings of the International Council and Congress of Nurses in Canada.

Letter from Miss E. F. Brownsdon.

Miss E. F. Brownsdon, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., wrote enthusiastically of the pleasure of the voyage, the brief visit to Quebec and "the wonderful trip up the lovely St. Lawrence—there we were drinking in beauty all the time."

"On arrival at Montreal I was met at the bottom of the gangway by a very charming lady who asked my name. I told her and she immediately took my arm and said, 'You belong to us!' She was Miss Strum, Assistant Matron of the Montreal General Hospital, where I stayed for a fortnight. What a delightful stay it was, everyone vying with one another to make me feel at home, and especially our most charming hostess, Miss Mabel K. Holt, the Lady Superintendent.

"I think the most interesting and helpful part of the Congress to me was the social intercourse between all nationalities, the few words here and there, the discussions on various difficulties, and methods of procedure, many of them so diverse to our own methods. It was wonderful, too, to see met together so many nurses engaged in Public Health Nursing, and the great keenness shown by them in their particular branch of nursing. Especially I enjoyed the meetings of the Public Health Nursing Standing Committee of the I.C.N. and their work under the chairmanship

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