

## THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The Thirty-eighth Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on November 23rd, at 2 p.m. The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and the following Members were present:—Miss M. Breay, Vice-President, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss D. K. Graham, Miss E. Kennedy, Miss I. Macdonald, Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., *Fellows*; Miss E. Bright, Miss E. J. Haswell, Miss K. M. Latham, R.R.C., *Members*.

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

## Correspondence.

Letter [from Miss S. A. Villiers, Vice-President, regretting inability to attend owing to indisposition.

Letter of thanks from Miss H. L. Pearse for nomination as Hon. Secretary to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Communication from Mrs. Strong, Consul-General for Scotland.

Letter from Miss E. M. Hawkins, Women's Hospital, Detroit, U.S.A., enclosing Laboratory Schedule for Trainees and a Syllabus of the Course in Laboratory Technique.

Letter from Miss Ethel Dalton *re* Grant for Health Visitors' Course. The question was referred to the Education Committee.

Letter from Miss N. A. Lennon informing the Council of arrangements *re* commencing the Midwifery Course of Training for which she has been given a Grant.

Letter from Miss Mabel M. P. Siggers informing the Council of her progress as Sister Tutor, for which she had been given a Grant. She finds herself exceedingly happy in her work in conjunction with a progressive Matron, who is projecting new and practical educational schemes.

A long letter from a Nurse in Private practice "on her own," placing before the College Council conditions of work which should be improved, and inviting its interest in altering conditions. The President pointed out that owing to changing conditions for hospital treatment for well-to-do patients, private nursing was on the decrease, and conditions, owing to lack of service in the home, made more difficult and restrictive. The services of private nurses were invaluable to the community, and anything which tended to discourage the best class of Registered Nurse from entering this branch was serious for the sick in private houses. The attention of the correspondent had been drawn to the aims of the new League of Private Nurses, which had been founded to help them in every way.

Letter from Miss M. G. Allbutt drawing attention to the objects of the National Savings Committee, which gives ten cogent reasons why a Nurse should save money from the day she enters hospital, so that she can pay for instruction in many post-graduate branches and help herself in the future.

Letter from Mr. J. J. Crosfield, of Embley Park, expressing approval of "the charming account of your visit to Hampshire" in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF

NURSING, and kindly inviting the "Rambles" "to see the place in May when the garden is at its best."

The Council directed that a letter of sincere thanks be sent to Mr. Crosfield for his most kind invitation, which would give great pleasure to those fortunate enough to accept it.

Many letters of thanks for Diplomas were received.

## Thanks for Diplomas.

Miss Pauline Barnard writes: "Thank you so much for my valuable Diploma. . . . It is most charming, and I am proud to hold it as a foundation member, and if ever, as a College, we can implant our ideals into the young nurses now taking on their responsibilities there is indeed a wonderful future for the Nursing Profession. It is such a joy to have THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING every month, it keeps one in touch with all that is going on in the nursing world, and I think it so generous to send it to us."

Mrs. E. E. Patterson writes: "Absence from home is my reason for not ere this having written to thank you for the beautiful Diploma. It is truly handsome in every respect, and I indeed value it most highly. I read THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING with keen interest each month. It is a great joy to learn something new about our profession, and I sincerely hope never to drift away from it. With every good wish for the College."

## Election of Fellows and Members.

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

## Financial Statement.

The President presented a satisfactory financial report. £94 10s. had been received since the meeting in October.

## Miss Graham's Report.

Miss Graham reported that Coaching Classes had been held in the following subjects: Hygiene with Bacteriology; Surgery and Surgical Nursing; Gynæcology and Gynæcological Nursing; and General Nursing and Dietetics.

Several well-attended meetings had been arranged by invitation in various districts, the audience being anxious to hear about the organisation and work of the British College of Nurses.

At the "At Home" given to Fellows and Members at 17, Prince's Avenue, Liverpool, by Miss Haswell, Miss Graham was present by invitation to speak about the principles and aims of the College.

## Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported that there had been 38 visitors to the College, amongst them Dr. Pu Hwang (Yale College, Chang-Sha, Hunan, China), introduced by Miss Nina Gage, R.N., of New York. Dr. Pu Hwang, who had been studying at Yale University, U.S.A., took a most intelligent interest in the arrangements and work of the College.

Professor Mottram's Lectures on Dietetics had been well attended.

On November 1st, Miss Le Geyt made an Explanatory Statement on the Report of the Departmental Committee, on the Training and Employment of Midwives.

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