

Miss Norah Farrant spoke on this subject, and with her expert experience gave very valuable information.

On November 8th, Dr. W. H. F. Oxley made an Explanatory Statement on the Memorandum issued by the British Medical Association, "Outlining a National Maternity Service Scheme for England and Wales." There was a good audience and Dr. Oxley most courteously replied to all questions.

Report of the Education Committee.

Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., presented the Report of the Education Committee, which stated that Lectures for the New Year were considered and that it was agreed to invite Professor Mottram to begin a Course of Lectures on the Ductless Glands, on January 20th prox.

Dates were agreed, if convenient to Dr. Graham Little, M.P., for the Lectures on "The Skin," which he had kindly consented to deliver.

It was agreed to ask Sir Robert Armstrong Jones to give his interesting Lecture on "Superstition," at the College.

Three practical Lectures on Hospital Administration would be arranged, by request, to be followed later by three Lectures on the same subject from a scientific standpoint.

Debates.

As several members had asked for Debates, it was agreed that they should be held once a month, commencing on Tuesday, February 4th, at 8 p.m.

The following subjects were suggested: Should Nurses in Hospital Live In or Out? by Miss Bushby.

Are Women Successful as Members of Parliament or Not? by Miss Ada B. Hardy.

Who Should Teach Practical Ward Work in Hospital—Sister Tutor or Ward Sister? by Miss Bushby.

Rules for the Loan of Educational Books in the Library.

It was recommended that the Library of the College should be a lending as well as a reference Library, and that the rules should be drawn up by the Education Committee at its next meeting.

Curriculum for Professional Secretarial Training.

A scheme, as proposed by the President, for the training of Professional Nurse-Secretaries was placed before the Council. It was urged that numerous branches of work in connection with professional organisations were being established. These organisations paid for by nurses should be superintended by registered nurses; it was unfair to deprive the profession of these valuable posts. At present, especially in Scotland and Ireland, positions of Chairmen and Registrar, under the Nurses' Acts, are occupied by laymen or medical men. This had not been found satisfactory in England, and both the Chairman of the General Nursing Council and the Registrar are Registered Nurses. But at present Registered Nurses are not trained for public administrative work, and it was to meet this need that it was proposed to institute a Course of Training.

A Course in Laboratory Technique.

It was proposed to make enquiries with a view to giving grants for a Course in Laboratory Technique in Great Britain.

The Report was adopted.

The Book of Remembrance.

The Dedication in honour of Emmeline Maude McCallum (Fellow), to be placed in the Book of Remembrance, was referred for further consideration.

Presentation of Portrait of Major Sir Richard Barnett.

It was reported that Sir Richard Barnett had consented to be present on Tuesday, December 3rd, when his portrait—a gift of a Member—would be presented to the College, and that special invitations should be sent to original Registrationists who had the pleasure of working with Sir Richard in support of the Central Committee's Bill, which he brought into the House of Commons in 1919.

Recommendation re the Training and Employment of Midwives.

The following Recommendation referred from the meeting on November 1st was considered:—

"That the Council be invited to consider the Report of the Departmental Committee on the training and employment of Midwives, and take such action as it may approve to oppose and make public the inimical results of the proposal to deprive the Midwives of a Governing Body by placing them under the dual control of the Ministry of Health and the Central Midwives Board."

The Council decided to appoint a small expert Committee to deal with the matter.

Resolutions.

National Council of Women.

To consider the advisability of affiliation with the National Council of Women of Great Britain.

It was agreed to apply for affiliation.

The Retention of Criminals on the State Register of Nurses by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Before considering the following Resolution, the President invited Miss A. M. Bushby (a member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales) to retire, if she so desired. Miss Bushby retired, and took no part either in the discussion or the voting on the Resolution. The President read the following Resolution, and it was proposed, seconded, and passed unanimously:—

"That the Council of the British College of Nurses learns with indignation that the General Nursing Council for England and Wales has decided for the second time to retain the name of a nurse proved to be a thief in a Court of Law, on the State Register of Nurses. The Council of the British College of Nurses is of opinion that the policy of the General Nursing Council in this connection is calculated to lower the moral standard of the Nursing Profession, and to deprive the public of protection from criminal persons acting as Registered Nurses."

It was agreed to send a copy of the Resolution to the Chairman and Members of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and to give as wide publicity as possible to the bitter resentment felt by the majority of the Fellows and Members of the College at being classed with criminals, as they consider it is the imperative duty of the General Nursing Council to keep the standard of registration for which they are responsible above reproach.

List of Gifts.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.—Ash-trays for Club Room.
Books.—"The Women's Victory and After. Personal

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