

**MISS GRAHAM'S REPORT.**

Miss Graham reported that Coaching Classes have been given at the College in the following subjects:—Anatomy, Physiology, Surgery and Surgical Nursing.

Miss D. E. S. Conley, Royal Northern Hospital, has passed the "Final" State Examination, and has been appointed Sister at the United Services Convalescent Home for Infants, Bexhill-on-Sea.

The Sister Tutors' Group have decided to take "Nursing Procedures" as one of the subjects for discussion at the meetings of the Group, which are to be held at the College in the Class Room at 6 p.m.

The Report was adopted.

**THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.**

The Secretary reported that Miss Isla Stewart's photograph has been framed in an antique gilded frame and inscribed as follows:—

ISLA STEWART,

Matron and Superintendent of Nursing, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, 1887-1910.

President, The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

Founder Member, The International Council of Nurses. Applications for Nomination Papers for Election of Fellows to the Council had been received from Miss G. Brodie, Matron Mental Hospital, Glasgow, and from Miss Norah Farrant, Superintendent and Inspector, Queen's Institute for District Nursing.

A reception was held at the College on Friday, April 11th, when twenty-two Matrons and Nurses from Holland were invited by the President and Council to meet Fellows and Members of the College. They were received by the President and Council in their Robes, and were shown everything of interest connected with the activities of the College, including the History of Nursing Section, arranged by Miss Bushby, and on view for the first time. After tea the Dutch Nurses sang delightfully in their own language, concluding with our National Anthem.

**To consider suggestions for the Annual Dinner.**

The arrangements for the Annual Dinner were considered, and it was agreed that it should be held in London, if possible, on July 9th, the night before the Annual General Meeting, to be held on July 10th, and recommendations were adopted.

**NEW BYE-LAW.**

It was agreed to place a new Bye-Law on the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting, providing for filling vacancies on the Council, which might occur owing to death, resignation, or otherwise.

**APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY.**

An application from Miss Alice Stewart Bryson for the post of Secretary to the College was received in the following terms:—

60, Dingwall Road,  
Croydon.

11th April, 1930.

To the President and Members of the Council of the British College of Nurses.

MESDAMES,—

I see from the reports of the meetings of the Council of the British College of Nurses, published in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, that the office of Secretary to the College will shortly be vacant. May I be permitted to apply for the position?

I am a Registered Nurse, both on the General Part of the Register, and also on the Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses, published under the authority of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and am also a Foundation Fellow of the British College of Nurses, in the work of which I take a deep interest.

Since gaining my certificate in general nursing at the Township of Manchester Infirmary in 1898 I have held various positions of responsibility, and for the last eleven years, until September 29th last, have been Matron of the Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill, under the Metropolitan Asylums Board—a hospital of six hundred beds—and have had considerable experience of office work.

I am a member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Infectious Hospitals' Matrons' Association, and of the Fever Nurses' Association of which I have been President.

I was a member for many years of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, in which movement I took an active interest. I have also been associated with the National and International Council of Nurses, and attended the meeting of the Grand Council of the latter at Helsingfors in 1925, as a Delegate of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. I also attended the Interim Conference of the International Council of Nurses at Geneva in 1927, and have kept closely in touch with the work of the various associations for the organisation of the Nursing Profession through THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

I am warmly in sympathy with the fundamental principles upon which the British College of Nurses is founded, and should I be fortunate enough to be appointed its Secretary I will use all the energy at my command in promoting its interests.

I am, Mesdames,

Your obedient servant,

ALICE STEWART BRYSON.

Miss Stewart Bryson, who was in attendance, was interviewed by the Council, and retired. After consideration Miss Bryson was recalled and informed by the President that the Council had decided to elect her to the position of Secretary of the College.

Miss Bryson thanked the Council and assured them of her deep interest in the work of the College—the success of which she would promote to the best of her ability.

**LIST OF GIFTS.**

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick: "Textbook on the Nursing and Diseases of Sick Children," by Alan Moncrieff. "Unknown Warriors," by K. E. Luard. "Good Health," by F. Alexander Barton. "The Morphine Habit," by G. Laughton Scott. Small mahogany show case for medals.

Miss Breay: Flowers.

Miss Ballard: Flowers.

Miss Cattell: Four Plants (Ferns).

Miss Exell: Flowers.

Miss Villiers: 5s. for Flowers; £5 to the fund for the Elizabeth Kennedy Memorial Chair

Dr. Anna Hamilton: Her work on "Florence Nightingale," inscribed "For the Library of the College of Nurses, A. Hamilton."

Gifts for the History of Nursing Section.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council should be held on Saturday, May 24th, at 2.15 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

**THE BADGE.**

For Leaflets, and information concerning the Badge of the College apply to the Secretary, British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

**FIXTURES FOR MAY.**

Lectures on Advanced Psychology, May 13th, 20th, 27th, by Dr. T. Ronald Forsythe, Ch.B., D.P.M.Eng. 8 p.m.

**SYLLABUS OF LECTURES.**

Lectures 1-7: General Psychology.

Lectures 8-9: Morbid Psychology.

Lecture 10: Anatomy of the Nervous System.

Lectures 11-13: Mental Disorders and their Nursing.

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