

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

The Forty-fourth Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on May 24th, at 2.15 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and the following members were present:—Miss M. Breay and Miss Villiers, *Vice-Presidents*; Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss D. K. Graham, Miss I. Macdonald, *Fellows*; and Miss E. J. Haswell and Miss K. M. Latham, R.R.C., *Members*.

Prayers having been read by the Secretary, the Minutes were read and confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

1. Communications from the Treasurer *re* wording of new Bye-Law.
2. Letter from Treasurer agreeing to recommendations of the Council as to the allocation of Funds for Educational purposes.

TELEGRAM TO MR. AND MRS. J. W. JOHNSON, OF HULL.

It was unanimously agreed to send a telegram to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Hull, which later was worded as follows:—

“The President and Council of the British College of Nurses send from 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, an expression of warmest admiration for the magnificent courage and skill of your heroic daughter, Miss Amy Johnson, which reflect glory on the British Empire.”

NOT A NURSE.

It was agreed to inform the editors of newspapers that Mrs. Elvira Josephine Long, indicted for wounding Miss Hilda Mary Bordi, Manageress of the Nurses' Co-operation and Club, New Cavendish Street, and found insane at the Old Bailey, was not a nurse, as stated in the daily Press, and to ask them to correct the statement.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Letters of regret from Miss K. Smith and Miss A. M. Bright at their inability to attend the Council Meeting.
2. Letter of thanks from Mrs. Kennedy for kind message of sympathy on the death of her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Kennedy.
3. Letter from Mr. J. Welch *re* son suffering from post-Encephalitis Lethargica.—The Council agreed to again communicate with the Minister of Health, and to urge that some action should be taken to prevent imprisonment as criminals of persons suffering from this disease.
4. Letter from Miss Meyboom to the President from The Hague, in which she writes: “I am gathering all dear remembrances of our stay in London and found your nice present among them (prints of Miss Nightingale and Mrs. Fenwick). I thank you very much for your photograph, and the nice one of the ‘Lady with the Lamp.’ I really am very happy to have them both . . . I cannot tell you enough how delighted we all are about your hospitality and the English friendship and fellowship. It really has been too much and we never can do it in return in your way anyhow. Dear Miss Macdonald is well beloved now by a number of us, she is the soul of the Club, and the members cannot appreciate her too much . . . I think after years you both will be known as great persons in Nursing history . . . And now good-bye for the present; I do hope to see you again.”
5. Letter reporting needs of a Fellow—a grant of £5 was recommended.
6. Letter from Miss Blanche Gandour thanking the Council for Midwifery grant of £35 and for their good wishes, and expressing her intention of studying hard for the next six months at the Sussex Maternity Hospital, Brighton.
7. Letter from Mrs. F. L. Moore, Mico College, Jamaica, in which she writes: “My Diploma from the College has

arrived. It is truly beautiful, and I am thankful I have been accepted as a member. It is just sixteen years since I gave up active work, but I am still interested and keen on everything which concerns Nurses and Nursing. I will do anything I can to help the College. The *B.J.N.* is one of my most welcome friends. I expect to be in England this year and to visit the College again one day during October. With my best wishes for every success for the College.”

8. Letter from Miss Inglis, Hon. Gen. Secretary, New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association, *re* reciprocal work for Trained Nurses. It was agreed that full information concerning the various aspects of the matter in England should be explained to her by letter.

9. Letter from Miss E. L. Macaulay on various matters, and enclosing card of admission to the Jubilee Meeting, at Drapers' Hall, of the Mental After Care Association on June 2nd, at which H.R.H. Prince George, K.G., will preside.

10. Letter and Reports from Miss Mary Chadwick notifying her return to London from the Mental Hygiene Congress at Washington, at which she represented the British College of Nurses. She writes:—

“Just back from the Mental Hygiene Congress, having had a wonderful time. Coming back on the boat, I managed to write a few of my reports and finished the Nursing ones first. It was most interesting to see what a very great interest was being taken over there in the question of psychological nurses. I rather believe my scheme for their training is going to be adopted pretty generally, and that before long I shall be returning to give a lecture tour of the principal hospitals and training schools,

“I visited a large number of these organisations, and found them being directed by outstanding keen and up-to-date women, whom it was a great pleasure to meet. They with one accord sent their greetings to the College, and Miss Morrison, of the Sibley Memorial Hospital, Washington, was so kind as to offer me hospitality there, but I was the guest of the Congress Committee and being put up on the spot, with so much Congress work that unfortunately I was not able to accept. Never have I worked so hard in my life as that ten days. One night I never got to bed at all, but worked at a paper and discussions all night to be ready in time, because the days were full to overflowing with other things.

“The spirit of fellowship that was the outstanding characteristic of the Congress was a most wonderful experience and you cannot but realise how glad I have been to have had a share in it. There were six other psycho-analysts from different parts of Europe, three of them men who were training in Berlin, by the same man who analysed me, so that it was very nice to get together again and to work at the same job. America seems to have gotten the idea, at last, that psycho-analysis is the only answer to solve the difficult problem of Mental Hygiene. I wonder when the same view will be generally adopted on this side of the Atlantic?”

Miss Chadwick submitted (1) Report on First International Congress on Mental Hygiene (which appears on page 151), (2) Discussion of Paper, “The Teaching of Psychiatry in Medical, Nursing, Social Work and other Professional Schools,” by Edward A. Strecker, M.D., United States, by Mary Chadwick S.R.N., F.B.C.N.; (3) Lecture, given at Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, May 12th, by Mary Chadwick, S.R.N., F.B.C.N.,

Other correspondence was dealt with.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

The applications received were approved and the candidates elected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a financial statement which was approved.

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