

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SCHEMES COMMITTEE.

Miss I. Macdonald, Chairman of the Social Schemes Committee, presented the Report. The Ramble to Embley Park by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crosfield, was arranged, and it was agreed to visit Romsey Abbey and the grave of Miss Florence Nightingale at East Wellow, arriving at Embley Park to view the gardens and take tea at 4 p.m.

The President reported that the Annual Dinner of the College was arranged to take place on Wednesday, July 9th, in the Renaissance Saloon at the Café Monico—and the menu at 10s. 6d. a head had been approved.

It was agreed to invite as the special guests of the College persons of eminence in Art and Science, and to reserve 100 tickets for Fellows and Members and their personal friends.

Names were proposed and agreed as guests for "London Week" hospitality to be arranged for them at the R.B.N.A. Club, 194 Queen's Gate.

The Report was agreed.

Supplementing the Report, the President stated that the visit to Embley Park had taken place on the 22nd inst.

Five members of the Council were amongst the 24 guests. The gardens were in glorious beauty, and host and hostess kindness and hospitality personified. A very sincere vote of thanks was passed by the Council to Mr. and Mrs. Crosfield, and to Miss Macdonald, and Miss Liddiatt, for the excellent arrangements made for the Ramble.

THANKS TO MISS BREAY.

Miss I. Macdonald asked permission to express warm appreciation of Miss Breay's arduous and masterly work in writing "The History of the International Council of Nurses," which had recently appeared in issues of the official organ of the International Council. It was an invaluable contribution to Nursing history and should be published in pamphlet form, so that it could be studied by thousands of nurses to whom it was not accessible in chapter in issues of *The International Nursing Review*.

Miss Breay in returning thanks said there were two important things to be remembered, the collaboration of Mrs. Fenwick and the value of the past reports of International Council history in the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* for the past thirty years; the History could not have been compiled without them.

It was agreed to recommend to the next meeting of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain that it should invite the International Council of Nurses to publish in pamphlet form and have on sale "The History of the International Council of Nurses" up to date.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER SCALE OF SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF NURSING STAFFS, BY INVITATION OF THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

The document submitted for consideration to the Sub-Committee was not for publication. Their recommendations were made after careful consideration, and, if approved, would be incorporated in a Memorandum and forwarded to the Clerk of the Council. The Council approved the Report with the following additions:—

1. That the Conditions of Service should carefully conserve the authority of the Matron in her own department—and that her service and rise of salary should not be subject to the recommendation of a fellow salaried Official.

2. That the services of untrained women as "Assistant Nurses" should, if possible, be discontinued—as after a short experience in the wards they competed in private practice with duly qualified Registered Nurses at lower fees. This injury to Nursing standards and efficiency should not be encouraged by a State Nursing Department, for which the London County Council was now responsible to Parliament, which had, under the Nurses Registration Act,

issued a syllabus to test nursing by Examination after a defined term of training.

Untrained persons, if employed, should be termed "Attendants" and not "Assistant Nurses," as they were not being trained to enter the Nursing Profession.

3. It was agreed to recommend co-operative training for Male Nurses, so that their curriculum would include experience both in general and psychological nursing which would enable them to take the Diploma in Mental Nursing of the University of London—should they desire to do so, and thus qualify them as private nurses to nurse efficiently patients suffering serious results from Venereal Disease, such as paralysis of the insane, cases of alcoholic degenerates—sex maniacs, etc. The London County Council would be advised to encourage a better educated and more refined class of man to adopt Nursing as a profession.

With these additions the Report was agreed.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby, Chairman of the Committee, said:—

"I have little to report on the History of Nursing Section. Since the last Meeting Miss Cochrane has presented her book on 'Nursing.' I have bought on behalf of the College a letter from Miss Nightingale dated 1866, asking after the health of 'Mr. James Paget' (the celebrated surgeon, afterwards Sir James Paget, Bart.), also a coloured print of Miss Nightingale (with a rose in her hair). I have given a book of letters of Miss Nightingale to her Nurses to the College. Much of my time has been taken up in getting together odd numbers of the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, which I hope before long will be finished."

The Report was adopted with thanks.

MISS GRAHAM'S REPORT.

Miss Graham reported that Coaching Classes had been given at the College this month in the following subjects—Anatomy, Physiology, Surgery, Surgical Nursing, Gynaecology and General Nursing.

Sister Tutors' Group.

A Meeting was held Tuesday, April 29th, at 6 p.m., at which ten Sister Tutors were present.

Miss Graham was unable to be present owing to illness, and the Group sent her their best wishes for a speedy recovery through their Secretary.

Chief Discussion was the need for Preliminary Training Schools in all Hospitals.

1. Because of poor standard of education of probationers.
2. Friendships formed there may keep them from losing heart in the wards later and giving up.
3. Essential to meet General Nursing Council standard, unless lectures are attended every day early in training.

4. A Nurse in Preliminary School could easily relieve another Nurse unable to leave her ward.

Municipal Points were discussed *in camera*.

All Sister Tutors present were keen to have *Social Hours* with the Group as well as hours of discussion.

Everyone enjoyed the hour together and looked forward to another meeting on May 27th if approved.

H. G. BALLARD, *Hon. Secretary.*

The Sister Tutors' Group held a meeting at the College on Tuesday, May 20th, at 6 p.m.

The Sister Tutors from the following Hospitals were present:—

- St. Leonard's Hospital, E.
- South Western Hospital.
- Medway Hospital, Chatham.
- St. Peter's Hospital, Whitechapel.
- Fulham Hospital.
- Great Ormond Street, Children's Hospital.

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