

with the Nursing Schools attached to the hospitals for which it was now responsible; not so much from a financial basis as salaries appeared adequate, but by establishing personal responsibility and honourable status in the Nursing Schools in its scheme of development.

Submerging the Nursing Department to a medical bureaucracy would result in deterioration from top to bottom.

The Representatives were thanked for their services.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1. A telegram expressing regret from Miss M. Breay at her inability to attend the Council Meeting owing to indisposition.

2. Letter from Mrs. Ellis of thanks for sympathy on the death of her sister, Miss Emily C. C. Bramwell.

3. Letter from Miss Susan C. Francis (Secretary, American Nurses' Association), as follows: "May I thank you on behalf of the American Nurses' Association for the Resolution of sympathy passed by the Council of the British College of Nurses on the death of our President (S. Lillian Clayton). At this time we are too close to Miss Clayton's life to evaluate her services to her profession. Her greatest memorial will be the gift to her profession which she made of herself day by day in her work. In nursing education, in defining ethical standards, in all phases of professional progress, her works live after her as a vital testimony of her contribution to nursing. Her end came as she would have wished it—in the midst of her professional duties. Though we mourn her deeply, yet we give thanks for her fine example of personal and professional leadership."

4. Letter from a Fellow, returning loan with thanks.

5. Letter from Miss Dorothy Snell, placing before the Council the needs of a Fellow in Rome. Her request for a grant was approved.

6. Letter from Miss Ellen Barry, informing the Council that she had passed the examination of the Central Midwives Board, for which she had received a grant of £35. The Council desired its congratulations to be sent to her.

7. Letter from the Board of Trustees of the Ecole Florence Nightingale, Bordeaux, notifying the postponement of the opening of the new block till the autumn. The Board will send their invitation later to the *fete* of the school, which, it is now hoped, will coincide with that of the opening of the new buildings of the hospital, when it is expected that Miss Noyes (the Chairman of the American Nurses' Memorial, the Ecole Florence Nightingale) will be present. The Council will nominate representatives to attend this interesting ceremony when the date of the opening function is decided.

8. Thanks for Diplomas.—Miss Mary Parker writes: "It gives me great pleasure in writing to thank you for the very beautiful Diploma. Thoughts surged through me as I beheld the lovely design, the graceful touches, and the inspiring face of our President, with the names of such clever women appearing on the scroll. I am indeed very

proud to be the possessor of such a beautifully thought out Diploma."

Miss Agnes Turner writes: "Will you please convey to the Council of the British College of Nurses my most sincere thanks for the beautiful Fellows' Diploma of the College, which I have received. Please tell them how very much I appreciate the honour they have so kindly bestowed upon me. I will do all in my power to uphold the prestige and dignity of the College and to bring it to the notice of other nurses."

9. Letter from Miss M. E. Owen, making application for a grant for the Health Visitors' Course. This was referred to the Education Committee.

NOMINATIONS TO SEATS ON THE COUNCIL.

The Nominations were received of Miss Elizabeth Brodie and Miss Norah Farrant (Fellows), and of Miss Henrietta Georgina Ballard (Member) to seats on the Council. It was proposed and seconded that the Nominations be confirmed.

When put to the vote, the Nominations were unanimously confirmed and the Secretary was directed to acquaint the Candidates that their Nominations have been duly confirmed, and that they would be summoned to attend the next meeting of the Council, in the work of which it was hoped they would be able to take an active interest.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

The applications received were approved and all the candidates were elected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory financial statement, which was approved.

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SCHEMES COMMITTEE.

Miss Isabel Macdonald (Chairman of the Social Schemes Committee) presented the Report. Arrangements had been made to entertain four members of the College for a week in London. Two other names were proposed, as six members of the Council had each invited a guest for "London Week" It was agreed that invitations to the Annual Dinner on July 9th should be sent to each guest, and that they would

be present at the Annual Meeting and Reception on July 10th. The President supplemented the report by stating that very satisfactory progress with the arrangements for the Annual Dinner had been made. Many guests of honour had accepted the invitation of the Council to be present, and they included those eminent in branches of Science, Art and Literature. She hoped the Council would unite to make the Dinner a very great success.

The Annual General Meeting to be held on July 10th would be followed as usual by a Reception by the Council, wearing their robes, and the Secretary would be grateful for gifts of flowers and plants.

HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss Bushby (Chairman of the History of Nursing Section) reported activities. She had been able to acquire bound volumes of *Punch* for the years 1854, 1855, and 1856—in



Miss NORAH FARRANT, S.R.N., F.B.C.N.
Inspector (Queen's Institute of District Nursing) of
County Nursing Associations for England.
New Member of the Council, British College of Nurses.

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