

The Council has sanctioned the organisation of a Sister Tutor Group. The first official meeting was held on April 29th, when Miss D. K. Graham was elected Chairman and Miss H. Ballard agreed to act as Honorary Secretary. This group promises to be a very live Section of the College work.

The foundations of the British College of Nurses have now been well and truly laid, and it rests entirely with its Fellows and Members to erect thereon a structure worthy of the foundations. The Audited Accounts prove not only the financial strength of the College, but also how well and wisely its resources have been administered.

The above is a very abbreviated form of the Annual Report of the Council which was presented and adopted at the Annual Meeting, held on July 10th, 1930.

(Signed) ETHEL G. FENWICK, *President.*

On behalf of the Council.

The Report was received and adopted and Miss Mary Burr, F.B.C.N., in moving its adoption expressed warm appreciation of the very satisfactory progress of the British College of Nurses which the Report revealed, and thanked the President and Members of the Council for all their hard work.

The President said that the Report showed that an enormous amount of work had been accomplished and the Council would be gratified that this was appreciated by the Fellows and Members.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT.

Dr. Bedford Fenwick, the Hon. Treasurer and Trustee, presented the Financial Report, and said it gave him great pleasure to be able to present so satisfactory a Statement of Accounts.

The position of the Pension Fund was highly satisfactory as the amount already invested was sufficient to provide pensions for five or six persons.

Miss Breay thought the sincere thanks of the College were due to Dr. Fenwick for the amount of expert financial work which was demonstrated by the Report.

Mrs. Lancelot Andrews enquired whether, as the report in regard to the Pension Fund was so satisfactory, the Council would still wait for the eight years specified, before awarding a Pension.

Dr. Fenwick replied in the affirmative, as it was desired to place the Fund in a stable condition, so that once a Pension was awarded it would be assured for life.

Dr. Fenwick further stated that it was desired to create a Sinking Fund, and £1,700 had been invested, which would go a long way towards defraying what had been expended on the house.

The College was doing valuable work in making educational grants for travelling scholarships thus enabling Fellows and Members to attend Nursing Congresses. This was of indirect benefit also because a condition of these awards was that their holders subsequently made reports to the College of their observations in other countries. These were afterwards printed in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, the official organ of the College, and so were available for the information of the Nursing Profession generally.

Miss Norah Farrant, F.B.C.N., a new Member of the Council, thought it was very satisfactory that the College had spent such a considerable amount on Education—a very progressive step.

Dr. Fenwick then moved that the Report be received, adopted, and entered on the Minutes.

The adoption of the Report was seconded by Miss C. Liddiatt, F.B.C.N.

The Financial Report was unanimously adopted, and appears on page 209.

A New Bye-Law.

The Treasurer then moved that a new Bye-Law, No. 16, be passed to the following effect:

"If any unusual vacancy shall be caused in the Membership of the Council, by death, resignation, or otherwise, of a Fellow or Member serving thereon, the Council, as soon as convenient, shall appoint a Fellow or Member of the College, as the case may require, to act as a Member of the Council for the residue of the term for which the Fellow or Member creating the said vacancy had been elected to serve on the Council."

Dr. Fenwick explained that owing to the sad death of Miss Elizabeth Kennedy, a Member of the Council, an unexpected vacancy had been created and there was no provision for filling it. It was not desirable that there should be vacancies on the Council, and, if passed, the Bye-Law suggested would enable the vacancy to be filled.

Mrs. Lancelot Andrews seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Miss Kent proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Bedford Fenwick, which was carried by acclamation, stating that he was our very good friend, and had been for many years, before he took on this arduous and onerous work.

In reply, Dr. Fenwick expressed his pleasure in the work saying that anything he could do for the College was a labour of love.

Welcome to New Councillors.

The President welcomed the three new Councillors, and presented to their colleagues Miss Elizabeth Brodie, R.G.N., R.M.N., F.B.C.N., Lady Superintendent of the Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow, and Miss Norah Farrant, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., Inspector of County Nursing Associations for England under the Queen's Institute of District Nursing.

Miss Henrietta G. Ballard, S.R.N., M.B.C.N., Sister Tutor at St. Leonard's Hospital, Shoreditch, N., had unfortunately to leave the meeting for duty before this stage in the proceedings was reached.

Appointment of Auditors.

Messrs. H. Rendall Gothard of 8, Laurence Pountney Hill, were re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year, on the proposition of Miss A. Cattell, seconded by Miss Elma Smith.

Dr. Fenwick then proposed:

"That the most grateful thanks of this Annual Meeting of the British College of Nurses be, and hereby are, accorded to the President, Vice-Presidents and the Council of the College for their strenuous and most successful work for the College, and also to Miss G. R. Hale, R.R.C., and her clerks for the admirable way in which they had fulfilled their duties during the past year."

Miss Isabel Macdonald proposed a vote of thanks to the President for conducting the meeting.

The President, in the course of her reply, said she hoped that all who had been at the Annual Dinner on the previous evening had enjoyed it, for in her opinion it was the most successful dinner the College had yet organized.

The meeting then terminated.

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