

2. Directors: Miss H. L. Pearse, President, Matrons' Council of Great Britain; Miss A. M. Bushby, Chairman, History of Nursing Section, British College of Nurses.

3. Hon. Secretary: Miss S. A. Villiers, President, Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association.

4. Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

It was agreed to submit the following amendments to the Constitution of the National Council and its Executive Committee.

1. "That the term of office of the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer should be for three years instead of one year—and that these officers should be eligible for re-election."

2. "That members of Advisory Committees be elected for three years and be eligible for re-election."

A CENTRAL PRELIMINARY TRAINING SCHOOL.

Miss A. M. Bushby spoke in support of a Resolution, "To discuss the possibility of organising a Central Preliminary Training School for Probationers." She thought such a school might help to prepare well educated girls for hospital training.

The President said the principle had the sympathy of many members of the Council, but the question was an economic one. Would parents pay for the cost of residence and part tuition for their young daughters when hundreds of hospitals provided free support and tuition?

Miss Cochrane thought such a scheme might be very helpful to smaller hospitals, and that parents were beginning to realise their daughters must have careers and would therefore spend money for this purpose.

After further discussion it was agreed to refer the matter to the Education Committee.

THE REGISTRATION OF MENTAL NURSES.

The President called the attention of the Council to the attempt upon the part of various employers of Mental Nurses to substitute for Statutory Registration, by the General Nursing Councils, under the Nurses' Registration Acts, a system of registration whereby mental nurses would be deprived of self-government and legal status—a most reactionary and dangerous proposal.

Miss E. Brodie spoke at some length on the position of Mental Nurses in Scotland, and deprecated the attempt to deprive them of their present statutory powers.

It was agreed to distribute widely reprints of the editorial dealing with the question which appeared in the recent issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

LIST OF GIFTS.

The majority of gifts to the College in the past month have been donated to the History of Nursing Section, and are acknowledged in Miss Bushby's report. In addition:—

Books.

Dr. Patrick Watson-Williams.—"Chronic Nasal Sinusitis and its relation to General Medicine," by Patrick Watson-Williams. (For Library.)

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.—"Some Women of Sindh," by R. H. Western, M.D., B.S. "Unknown Warriors," by K. E. Luard, R.R.C. "Matters that Matter," by Dame Henrietta Barnett, D.B.E. (For *Isla Stewart Memorial Bookcase*.) "Theory and Practice of Nursing," by Miss A. M. Gullan, S.R.N. (For Library.)

Mrs. Northwood.—"Essays in Popular Science," by Julian Huxley. "Reminiscences Social and Political," by Roma Lister. "Reminiscences Occult and Social," by Roma Lister. (For *Isla Stewart Bookcase*.)

Miss I. Macdonald.—"Margaret of Scotland," by T. Ratcliffe Barnett, Ph.D. "Story of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary," by William Canton. (For *Isla Stewart Bookcase*.)

Miss A. M. Bright, Miss M. Breay, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss E. D. Mackenzie, Miss B. L. Treasure, Mrs. Wates.—Flowers.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council should be held on Saturday, October 25th, at 2.15 p.m.

The Meeting then terminated.

TUTORIAL GROUP.

The Fifth meeting of the Sister Tutors' Group took place on Tuesday, September 30th. The Group accepted with pleasure the change in their title, thus under the new name of "Tutorial Group" many instructing nurses will be able to attend its meetings. Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from six absent members, all of whom were pleased at the change in name. A discussion on "Lavage" proved very interesting and instructive; we hope to print it later.

The next meeting will be on October 14th, at 5.30 p.m., owing to State Examinations in the last two weeks.

Topic for next month "Local Treatment of Gastritis." A proposal was made that a member of the group should read a paper on a selected topic each month, Miss Laing to take October.

FIXTURES FOR OCTOBER.

At 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

October 14th.—Meeting of Tutorial Group, 5.30 p.m.

October 16th.—Opening of Winter Session. Tea, 4.30 p.m. Presentation of Certificates after Examination in Advanced Psychology by the President. Presentation of Prize to Miss E. J. Weaver by Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Matron, Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone. 5.30 p.m. Fellows and Members are invited to be present without further invitation.

October 21st.—Meeting of the Education Committee. 4.30 p.m.

October 25th.—Monthly Meeting of the Council. 2.15 p.m.

COACHING CLASSES FOR THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

Nurses who desire to join the Coaching Classes, please apply at once to

THE SECRETARY,

British College of Nurses,

39, Portland Place,

London, W.1.

Former pupils taught by Miss D. K. Graham have passed the State Examinations and been placed upon the State Register of Nurses, without which qualification nurses have no legal status at home or abroad.

WEDDING BELLS.

Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses will join with us in congratulations to Mrs. Florence E. Horden, S.R.N., F.B.C.N. (née Dunning) on her marriage to Mr. Charles H. Horden, of Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia.

Mrs. Horden was trained at the North Ormsby Hospital, Middlesbrough, and at Stockton Fever Hospital, Durham, is a certified midwife, and took a housekeeping course at the Hospital of St. Cross, Rugby, since which time she had had a varied nursing career.

Mrs. Horden now writes that although she has now given up active nursing she will at all times be keen to watch the progress of a profession with which she has been connected for over twenty years and which she loves so very much. Mrs. Horden hopes to be in England next year and to visit the British College of Nurses again.

Registered nurses not in active work can often render most valuable service to their profession as they often have time and it may be money, to place at its disposal.

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