

**THE SOCIAL SCHEMES COMMITTEE.**

Miss Isabel Macdonald, Chairman of the Social Schemes Committee, made a brief statement as to functions it was proposed to organise during the Spring, and the Council agreed to join with the Royal British Nurses' Association in a Ramble to the Observatory at Greenwich and if time to the Royal Palace.

A very kind letter was read from Mrs. Lambert, F.B.C.N., of Lincoln, proposing a most tempting programme for a Ramble in Lincoln in the early summer—which would include a visit to the Cathedral and Chancellery, and inspection of treasures. Luncheon was offered by Miss E. L. M. Davies, F.B.C.N., and tea by Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Lambert.

The Council accepted the delightful invitation and left the arrangements in the hands of Miss Macdonald and Mrs. Lambert.

Miss E. Kennedy and Miss K. M. Latham intimated that they wished to give an "At Home" at the College in the Spring. The Council agreed with pleasure to accept such hospitality.

Miss A. M. Bushby and Miss M. S. Cochrane also expressed their desire to give an "At Home" later on, when it was hoped to display gifts of historic value.

The President invited Miss Bushby to give a short Address on the Interest and Value of the History of Nursing Committee.

**MISS GRAHAM'S REPORT.**

Miss D. K. Graham reported that Coaching Classes have been held each week in the following subjects:

Medicine and medical nursing, surgery and surgical nursing, general nursing and dietetics, anatomy and physiology.

That she had been invited to speak in several hospitals.

The Nurses were anxious to hear about the College and asked a large number of questions, especially wishing to know if the College will be having At Homes, Concerts, Dances, and Rambles to interesting places for its Fellows and Members.

The Nurses and Sisters were pleased to hear about the educational "grants," and the younger Nurses made many inquiries about the Coaching Classes that are being held at the College.

The Report was adopted.

**THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.**

The Council received and discussed the Secretary's Report.

**THE RETENTION OF THE NAMES OF CRIMINALS ON THE STATE REGISTER OF NURSES.**

It was reported that acting on instructions to give all publicity possible to the deplorable action of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, in retaining the names of thieves on the Register of Nurses, many persons of responsibility have been communicated with in this connection.

The Minister of Health, in reply to a protest, explains that he has no power to interfere with the Council's exercise of their discretion as a professional body, he does not therefore think he could properly ask them for an explanation of the manner in which they have seen fit to exercise that discretion in a particular case.

In communications disapproval of deferred judgment for a year in cases convicted of theft in Courts of

Law has been emphasised—as such a policy is most injurious, both to the Nursing Profession and the public, as it means that the names of such thieves are retained on the printed Register during the year of probation (and one already in perpetuity), thus the General Nursing Council, which Parliament empowers to keep a Register of Nurses of "good character," covers persons convicted of crime. The Council of the College discussed and agreed on further action.

**More Shop-Lifting Offences.**

It was reported that since the last Meeting of the Council three nurses registered on the Supplementary Part of the Register for Fever Nurses had been charged on remand with stealing from West End stores, and having been kept in prison during the week, the magistrate discharged them under the Probation of Offenders Act.

It was presumable that the General Nursing Council would deal with these cases of shop-lifting.

Having condoned this offence on two previous occasions the General Nursing Council has created for itself a very difficult situation in reference to theft.

**Charge of Misconduct.**

The President reported that on the previous day the General Nursing Council had considered the case of Mrs. Isabella Allan Dallas, who admitted in the Divorce Court that adultery took place on several occasions with a patient, Mr. Francis David Stuart, misconduct to which she pleaded guilty, and after hearing a solicitor in her defence, the G.N.C. had removed her name from the Register.

**LECTURES IN ADVANCED PSYCHOLOGY.**

On the invitation of the President, Miss E. L. Macaulay, Matron of the Kent County Mental Hospital, attended the Council meeting and gave it the benefit of her expert opinion on advanced Psychological Nursing, and it was agreed that further consultation should take place with the Education Committee.

**LIST OF GIFTS.**

The President.—"The Story of my Life," by Ellen Terry. "Elizabeth Fry," by Mrs. E. R. Pitman. "In Darkest London," by Mrs. Cecil Chesterton. (Isla Stewart Bookcase.) "Indigestion," by Dr. H. J. Paterson, C.B.E.

Miss Agnes Rider.—"Care and Feeding of Infants and Children," Ramsey. "Venereal Disease," Bayly. "Health of the State," Sir George Newman. "Social Workers' Guide," Rev. J. B. Haldane. "Infant Education," Eric Pritchard. "Materia Medica," Dock. "Welfare of the Expectant Mother," Mary Scharlieb.

Miss F. M. Bartleet.—"Memoirs of the Margravine of Baireuth," Edited by H.R.H. Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein. (Isla Stewart Bookcase.)

Miss S. A. Villiers.—"The Women's Victory and After," by Millicent Garrett Fawcett. "Easter in Palestine, 1921-1922," by Millicent Garrett Fawcett. "What I remember," by Millicent Garrett Fawcett. (Isla Stewart Bookcase.)

Dr. Arthur Rosher.—£4 4s. for Books for Reference Library.

Miss A. M. Bright.—£1 1s. for the History of Nursing Committee.

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