

which many allusions and cuts appeared in relation to Miss Nightingale's work in the Crimea, humorous and otherwise. Bound volumes of the *Illustrated London News* had also been acquired. The organization of a compilation of the History of Nursing was a costly matter, and money would have to be acquired for its furtherance.

#### MISS GRAHAM'S REPORT.

Miss D. K. Graham reported that she had received an invitation from the managing director of Lever Brothers, Limited, Port Sunlight, to visit their factory, the village, and the hospitals, and to make a report thereon.

The Company's programme prepared for Miss Graham was as follows:—

*Monday, June 2nd.*—To meet the Managing Director, Mr. C. W. Barnish, of the Board of Directors, the General Service Manager, Mr. C. E. Walton, and the other officials in the General Service Department.

*Tuesday, June 3rd.*—To go into the methods of employment, suspension and discharge of women with Miss Rochford, beginning with the Staff Training College, and following the procedure through, including medical examination, dental and ophthalmic clinics.

*Wednesday, June 4th.*—Explanation given of the "Safety" scheme, and its working, first aid, ambulance methods of dealing with accidents, central surgery and a visit to the hospitals.

*Thursday, June 5th.*—Catering: to spend the day in the Canteen, and see the preparation and serving of meals and cleaning of canteens. Inspection of menus, prices, etc.

*Friday, June 6th.*—Culture. The effect of the Staff Training College on young girls, general cleanliness in factory; personal hygiene; clothing and its making on the premises; opportunity for improvement, physically and mentally; and the Girls' Club.

*Saturday, June 7th.*—Thorough inspection of means of recreation, including village social functions.

*Report on "The training and development during employment, mentally and physically, and the general conditions in active factory life."*

The President remarked that this invitation from the Managing Director of Lever Bros., Ltd., was a very important and progressive step in the right direction, and hoped that other large industrial organisations might follow such an enlightened lead. She congratulated Miss Graham and felt sure her report to the Managers at Port Sunlight would result in perfecting health conditions already well considered.

#### THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary reported that 705 communications had been sent out during the month, and that, amongst the many visitors, the President had entertained to tea in the Club Room, Miss Jean Browne (late President, Canadian Nurses' Association, and Director, Junior Red Cross of Canada), Miss Nora Moor of (Toronto) and Miss Laura Holland (of Vancouver). Miss S. Villiers, Miss Bushby, and Miss Isabel Macdonald were present. The visitors inspected the College and greatly admired its arrangements.

#### DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT.

The President submitted an exhaustive Draft Report, to be presented at the Annual Meeting, which touched briefly on the wide scope of the activities of the College in its relation to the profession and to the body politic during the past year, and proved the necessity for an endowed, self-governing, educational organisation of Registered Nurses in Great Britain, where the profession is far behind those of other countries in self-expression, which had not to contend with the very powerful social influence characteristic of nursing affairs in this country.

#### LIST OF GIFTS.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. Show Case for History Section. Books: "Theory and Practice of Nursing" (Gullan); "Elements of Medical High Frequency and Diathermy for Assistants and Nurses" (W. Cloughton Douglass); "Text Book of Simple Nursing Procedure for High Schools" (Amy E. Pope); "The Child's Conception of Physical Causality" (Jean Piaget).

Mrs. Lancelot Andrews: Alabaster Letter Weight from Volterra, one of the oldest Etruscan towns; the soil all round is used in making alabaster, and each craftsman makes the article by hand in his own little room.

Miss Elma Smith: "The Life of Catherine Loch, R.R.C."

Miss Bushby and Miss A. M. Bright: Flowers.

Miss G. R. Hale and Mrs. G. Wates: Flowers.

Miss K. A. Smith: Theatre tickets.

#### OTHER BUSINESS.

Under other business the death of Miss Catherine Wood, at an advanced age, was reported.

The President stated that she had been asked by several members of the College to bring to the notice of the Council the following advertisement which had appeared in the *Nursing Mirror* on June 14th last, and to ask that some public protest might be made.

#### Notice in *Nursing Mirror*.

"Will those nurses who have failed in their final State or Hospital Examinations, either this or last year, and who have left, or are leaving their training school, communicate their name and address to 2725, *The Nursing Mirror*, 24, Russell Square, London, W.C.1, when they will be offered posts with a salary equal to that of a trained certificated nurse."

The President said that this astounding advertisement had been discussed at a meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association on the previous day, and it was agreed that action should be taken to protest against it.

The Council agreed to draft a protest in co-operation with the Royal British Nurses' Association, to be sent to the Editor of the paper in question, and to the Press.

#### NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council should be held on Saturday, July 19th, at 2.15 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

#### DEDICATION OF PRESIDENT'S CHAIR IN MEMORY OF MISS ELIZABETH KENNEDY, MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

By request of the Council, the Rev. Edward S. Burrows performed the ceremony of dedicating the beautiful Chair to be used by the President of the Council in memory of the late Miss Elizabeth Kennedy. This ceremony was held in the Council Chamber at the end of the meeting on June 21st.

Father Burrows said: "We dedicate this gift in memory of Elizabeth Kennedy and her part in the work of this College; and we pray Thee to bless all who are ministering to the sick and dying.

"Grant that they may always have before them the example of our Blessed Saviour's love and sympathy for the poor and suffering. Give them grace and patience faithfully to fulfil their holy calling to Thy honour and glory.

"And we bless Thy Holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear—beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good example, that with them we may be partakers of Thy Heavenly Kingdom.

"Grant this, Oh! Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen."

Then followed the Lord's Prayer and the Grace.

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