

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Fifty-fourth meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, April 18th, at 2.15 p.m. The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and the following members of the Council were present:—Miss M. Breay, and Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., *Vice-Presidents*; Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss Norah Farrant, Miss D. K. Graham, Miss I. Macdonald, Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., *Fellows*, and Miss H. G. Ballard, and Miss K. M. Latham, R.R.C., *Members*.

Prayers having been read by the Secretary, the Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. A letter was received from Miss Bright, regretting inability to attend the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING.

1. Correspondence authorised by the Council *re* replies sent to Sir Squire Sprigge, M.D., F.R.C.P., Editor of the *Lancet*, and the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, P.C., K.T., F.R.S., concerning the *Lancet* Commission on Nursing.

2. Letters acknowledging the Resolution sent from the Council *re* conditions of training and qualifications for all new entrants to appointments under the Public Health Service, from (a) the Minister of Health, (b) the Secretary, Departmental Committee on Local Government Officers, (c) the Secretary, the National Council of Women of Great Britain.

3. A letter from the Executive Committee of the Scottish Nurses' Association, signed by the President, Mrs. Strong, and the Secretary, Miss McAra, addressed to the Scottish Members of Parliament, protesting against "The Nursing Profession (Wages and Hours) Bill," introduced by Mr. Fenner Brockway, M.P.

4. Communication from Sir Rennell Rodd, M.P., Member for Marylebone, informing the Council of his views on the Nursing Profession Bill and promising to watch it in the House of Commons.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters were considered. From the sub-editor of the *Lancet* on "Coroners' Nurses"; from Miss Dorsey, of the League of Red Cross Societies, from Miss E. L. Macaulay, Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone, *re* Administrative Class; from Miss Mary McManus, notifying that she had successfully passed the examination of the Central Midwives Board, congratulations were sent to her from the Council; from Miss D. F. Vidal, *re* the Sister Tutors' scholarship of £150 offered by the National Association of Local Government Officers; from Miss E. Haslam, reporting successful tour of Lectures to the Women's Institutes; from Mrs. J. Maud Bowie *re* ownership of the *Scottish Nurse*, explaining that it is the property of the publishers, M'Naughton & Sinclair, of Glasgow and Edinburgh, and that it is edited by a Registered Nurse, and letters of thanks from Miss E. Riley, Dr. Stanley Wyard, Miss A. T. Hyde, and many letters of thanks for Diplomas, and on public affairs from the Howard League for Penal Reform, asking for support of a Resolution *re* facilities for expert examination of offenders (Physical and Psychological) in connection with Juvenile Courts, of which the Council unanimously approved. From the National Council of Women, Harrogate Branch *re* additional benefit of the services of qualified chiropodists for insured persons. From the Secretary of the National Council of Women of Great Britain, enclosing the Preliminary Resolutions and Programme of the Conference to be held at Aberdeen in June 1931.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

All the applications received were approved and the candidates were elected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory financial statement.

SOCIAL SCHEMES REPORT.

Miss I. Macdonald, Chairman of the Committee, presented a short Report of the Conjoint Committee on the Annual Dinner as follows:—

Report of the Conjoint Committee on the Annual Dinner.

A Conjoint Meeting of the Social Schemes and History of Nursing Section Committees was held at the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Thursday, April 9th, 1931, at 3.30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and there were present: Miss M. Breay, Vice-President, Miss A. M. Bushby, and Miss I. Macdonald, Fellows.

Letters of regret for absence were received from Miss H. G. Ballard and Miss A. M. Bright, and a message by telephone from Miss Cochrane, that she had been unavoidably detained.

The President explained that the object of the Meeting was to discuss the scope of the programme for the Annual Dinner to be held in October, which the Council had agreed should be a History of Nursing Dinner.

It was agreed that the following should be included amongst the principal characters to be represented:—

1. Procession of Immortals.

Hygeia, Goddess of Health, *attended by* Earth, Air, Fire, Water.

The Spirit of Nursing, *attended by the Attributes* Compassion, Kindness, Gentleness, Modesty, Courage, Patience, Devotion, Endurance.

Science, *attended by the Attribute* Truth, *supported by* Mental Purity, Moral Beauty.

Knowledge, *supported by* Observation, Diligence, Understanding, Intellectual Discipline.

2. Procession of Saintly Women and the Nursing Orders.

The Valkyrie.

Agamedé the Fair-haired, *The Iliad*.

Phœbe of Cenchrea, 1st Century.

The Empress Helena, 4th Century.

Marcella, 4th Century.

St. Bridget of Kildare, 6th Century.

St. Hilda of Whitby, 7th Century.

Grand Master of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, 12th Century.

Ladies connected with the Order of St. John of Jerusalem: Agnes of Rome, Ubaldesca in Acre, Fina.

King Henry 1st, 12th Century.

Rahere, 12th Century.

Queen Margaret of Scotland, 12th Century.

Queen Matilda, 12th Century.

Sister of the Order of St. Martha, 12th Century.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, 13th Century.

Edina de Rittle, Lay Nurse 13th Century, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Philippa of Hainault, 14th Century. (To be impersonated by Miss Bushby.)

St. Catherine of Siena, 14th Century.

An Abbess of Royal Birth, 15th Century.

A Knight of St. Lazarus, 15th Century.

St. Vincent de Paul, 16th Century.

Maister Peter Lowe, 16th Century.

Sister of St. Vincent de Paul, 17th Century.

Mlle. le Gras.

Mere Marie de l'Incarnation, Canada.

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