

THE FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

The Fifth Annual General Meeting of Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W., on July 14th, at 3 p.m.

The President (Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, F.B.C.N.) was in the chair, in her robes of office, supported by Dr. Bedford Fenwick, Treasurer and Trustee, the following Councillors and ex-Councillors were present, and their beautiful robes gave colour and dignity to the proceedings:

Miss M. Breay and Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., *Vice-Presidents*; Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss N. Farrant, Miss D. K. Graham, Miss G. Le Geyt, Miss I. Macdonald, Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., Miss S. A. Villiers, Dame Joanna Cruickshank, D.B.E., R.R.C., *Fellows*; and Miss E. J. Haswell and Miss K. M. Latham, R.R.C., *Members*.

The President called on the Secretary, Miss A. Stewart Bryson, to read the notice convening the meeting. This done, and prayers having been read, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Apologies for absence were reported from Miss E. Brodie (Fellow) and Miss A. M. Bright, and Miss H. G. Ballard (Members).

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL, AND THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR 1930-31.

The President then presented the Fifth Annual Report of the Council for 1930-1931 which we print below abridged.

THE REPORT.

In presenting the Fifth Annual Report of the Council to the Annual Meeting of the British College of Nurses, the Council is glad to congratulate its Fellows and Members on its continued success, and on the important development and progress which it has made during the past year.

During the year, the Council has met eleven times and transacted a large amount of business, while Standing and Sub-Committees have given frequent and considered attention to the various activities of the College.

The membership of the College has steadily increased at home and abroad. It is deeply regretted that we have lost by death three Fellows during the year.

Retiring Members of Council.

This year the Council loses the very valuable services of Miss Isabel Macdonald and Miss Kathleen Mary Latham, R.R.C.

The former has served for five years on the Council and has never missed a Meeting. She has also served as Chairman on the Social Schemes Committee.

Miss Kathleen Mary Latham, R.R.C., has represented the Members on the Council for a term of three years.

Both ladies are Councillors for whose work their colleagues on the Council desire in the name of the College to express their sincere thanks and appreciation.

New Members of Council.

Miss Mary S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Matron, Charing Cross Hospital, was elected a Vice-President in the place of Miss Susan A. Villiers at the Meeting of the Council on July 19th, 1930.

Four nominations were received for the vacancies for Fellows on the Council, and the following ladies have been elected by the Ballot Votes of the Fellows:—

Miss Dorothy Kathleen Graham, Cert. Guy's Hospital, Lecturer to the College, and Final Examiner for the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Miss Gladys Ivy da Silva Le Geyt, Cert. St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Superintendent Health Visitor for the Metropolitan Borough of Bethnal Green, E.

As only one nomination was received for the vacancy for a Member, that of Miss Emily Jane Haswell, no Ballot for a Member was necessary, and Miss Haswell's nomination was confirmed by the Council at its Meeting on June 20th, 1931.

The Standing Committees.

The following members of the Council were elected Chairmen of the Standing Committees for July 1930-1931.

Education and Examination Committee.—Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Second Vice-President.

Legal Protection, Political and Economic Committee.—Miss M. Breay, First Vice-President.

Social Schemes Committee.—Miss I. Macdonald.

Public Health Committee.—Miss D. K. Graham.

History of Nursing Committee.—Miss A. M. Bushby.

Finance Committee.—Dr. Bedford Fenwick.

Many Fellows and Members at Home and Overseas have expressed their pleasure on receiving the College Diploma and their appreciation of the beauty of its design.

The College Badge has been also much appreciated. It can be obtained from the Secretary, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. The cost is 10s., which includes the engraving of the name and College number and postage.

Warm appreciation has been expressed by many Fellows and Members of the College of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, of which, for the last thirty-eight years, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick has acted as Hon. Editor, in collaboration with Miss Margaret Breay. This is very encouraging, because it indicates that its readers realize the vital importance of a free professional voice in the Press, as well as the onerous and invaluable work given to the Nursing Profession by the President of this College in this connection.

The Council of the College has been mainly concerned during the twelve months in consolidating its work in the following directions: the promotion of (1) efficient professional and civic education; (2) the economic security of its Fellows and Members; (3) their legal protection and (4) social activities; (5) benevolent help; (6) the collection of historical data connected with the Nursing Profession.

Four lectures have been given by Dr. Frederick Heaf, B.A., M.D., on "The Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis." Two Lectures on "Recent Developments in the Treatment of Cancer," by Dr. Stanley Wyard, M.D. Lond., B.Sc., M.R.C.P. One Lecture on "Leprosy," by Dr. R. G. Cochrane, M.D., M.R.C.P. One Lecture on "Radium," by Mr. Stanford Cade, F.R.C.S. One Lecture on "Orthopaedics," by Mr. Alan Todd, B.Sc., F.R.C.S. And one Lecture on "The Development of Training of Chinese Men Nurses," by Miss Hope Bell, F.B.C.N., late Matron of the Lester Chinese Hospital, Shanghai.

Classes on Administration.

The Council felt that the Fellows and Members would greatly appreciate an opportunity of seeing the various departments of some leading hospitals, and a course of Classes on Administration was arranged to be followed by written papers at the end of the Course, with the award of two guineas for the best paper.

By the kind consent of the authorities, a class of some twelve Fellows and Members of the College visited the following Hospitals, where they were most courteously received and conducted on a tour of inspection of the Matron's department:—The Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone; The University College Hospital, Gower Street, W.C.; The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C.; and Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton. Miss D. K. Graham, Lecturer to the College, accompanied the classes and greatly helped them with valuable information. On every occasion the class was most kindly received and addressed by the

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