

Nurses' Association, the College of Nursing, and the British College of Nurses.

The National Council and the Royal British Nurses' Association had only met in the previous week, and the College of Nursing, without reference to the other bodies, had quite recently circularised the Boards of Governors of General Hospitals throughout the country, and also the Visiting Committees of Mental Hospitals in reference to the proposals of the Brockway Bill to regulate "working hours and wages" for all nurses and probationers, of which the College of Nursing did not approve, and making counter recommendations.

The President agreed with Miss Davies that as there was no immediate prospect of the Brockway Bill becoming law, that a more propitious time must be chosen to recommend such great increase of expenditure to the Training Schools, when they had already so greatly increased it in supplying expert professional education for their nursing staffs to qualify them for the State Examinations.

DIRECTIONS FOR THOSE RECEIVING EDUCATIONAL GRANTS.

Lists of educational organisations submitted by Miss Graham and Miss Ballard were referred to the Education Committee.

RESULT OF THE BALLOT FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

It was reported that Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., F.B.C.N., had been elected on to the Executive Committee of the National Council of Women of Great Britain.

The congratulations of the Council were directed to be conveyed to Miss Villiers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A large number of letters were reported and considered.

1. Amongst letters from Australian members Miss M. M. Walsh, F.B.C.N., sent her subscription in the form of two Australian pound notes and a florin "as mark of good faith and guarantee, till times are better . . ." and suggested "that the florin be added to the history collection, as it will be of historical value later, being one of the few minted during the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Australia in 1927." The Council were greatly pleased with this gift and decided it should be placed amongst the Royal Mementoes section, which will become of much interest to future nurses. Miss M. M. Walsh to be warmly thanked for her thoughtful contribution.

2. Letter from a member wishing to let a room in her house at Uxbridge, which is convenient and near the High Road where the Green Line coaches run, and to the tram line. It was agreed that the Secretary would supply further information.

3. Letter from a member in Honolulu notifying new appointment, as she was anxious to receive the JOURNAL. "I always look forward to it, there are so many articles in it that help me so much. Life here in the Islands is so different from anything else I have ever experienced that it is almost an education in itself. We have mostly Oriental girls in training—Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiians, Portuguese and Philipinos, and the majority of them are very keen and ambitious to learn. We have a very fine hospital surrounded with palm and cocoanut trees, and at present they are building a new nurses' home, greatly needed. Away from the hospital we enjoy the bathing down on the well-known Waikiki Beach; the water is so warm, we stay in for hours. Walking down the street you can easily imagine you are in the East, the Orientals always dress in their kimono and look so dainty tripping along."

4. Letter from a Fellow recently married, sending marriage certificate and asking if Diploma requires endorsement. Enquiry had been made from the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, asking the procedure in relation

to medical women who married. The custom of endorsing diplomas had been discontinued. The secretary was directed to inform the enquirer that her married name would be added to the Roll, and that at any time she could refer to the College for verification of her married name.

5. Thanks for Grants and Diplomas.

6. Letter from Mrs. M. M. Bidder *re* College representative on the Parliamentary and Legislative Committee of the N.C.W. Miss D. K. Graham consented to serve again and was elected to do so.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

All the applications received were approved and the candidates elected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory financial statement: £119 14s. had been received in subscriptions since the last meeting.

REPORT OF THE CONJOINT MEETING OF THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SCHEMES COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Cochran, R.R.C., presented the Report of the Conjoint Meeting of the Education and Social Schemes Committees which met on October 15th at 39, Portland Place, W. Owing to the vacations the Council have dealt with the current business.

An additional grant was recommended to enable Miss Elizabeth M. McQuade, F.B.C.N., to attend the course of lectures on tropical diseases at the Tropical Diseases Hospital, Endsleigh Gardens.

It was recommended that at the Opening Session on October 30th, Miss Le Geyt be invited to give the opening address on "A Hellenic Cruise and a Visit to the Temple of Æsculapius at Epidaurus," and that invitations be sent to the non-member matrons who had so kindly received and instructed the College Classes in Hospital Administration.

During the Winter Session the President expressed her willingness to deliver an address on "The Formation and History of the International Council of Nurses, and its Value to the Nursing Profession."

It was proposed to organise groups in which members might discuss subjects in which they were interested—following the example of the Tutorial Group—which might meet monthly at the College. Miss Macdonald offered to organize a Psychology Group and gave the outline of the scheme. She suggested that a group leader be appointed, that the suggestion be circulated through the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING in the first instance, and information be supplied to those interested through the office.

It was agreed to recommend that the period allowed for borrowing books from the Library be extended from two to four weeks, and that the following new books should be added to the Lending Library:—

"Sick Children, Diagnosis and Treatment." By Donald Paterson. Price 16s.

"Surgical Anatomy." By Massey. Price 15s.

"Common Sense."

"Psychology in General Nursing." By Wilson.

It was agreed to recommend that the organisation of a Central Preliminary Training School for Probationers be deferred until evidence is forthcoming that it will be financially supported by parents and others, but the scheme be retained as work to be furthered by the College at a convenient season.

Arrangements made by Miss Haswell for a Lecture to be given by Miss I. Macdonald, in Liverpool, on "Nursing History," were approved.

The lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, would be given on Friday, November 6th, at 7.45 p.m., in the Lecture Theatre, New Arts Block, Liverpool University. Mrs.

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