

At the Meeting of the Parliamentary and Legislation Sectional Committee of the National Council of Women of Great Britain, held at Murray House, on Wednesday, March 18th, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, British College of Nurses, spoke to the Committee upon the Nursing Profession (Wages and Hours) Bill, introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. Fenner Brockway. She explained how disastrous the Bill would prove to be to the sick public and to the registered nurses if it ever became Law. Mrs. Fenwick also informed those present that the Bill had been drafted without reference to the Nurses' Organisations, the British College of Nurses, the Royal British Nurses' Association and the College of Nursing, that it was being blocked and that the Nursing Profession generally desire to maintain the vocational privilege of nursing the sick humanely.

The Report was adopted.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary presented an interesting Statement of College activities and expenses, etc. The Nomination Paper for the election of Fellows and Members was passed, and it was agreed that these Forms would be procurable from the Secretary on and from April 15th next.

THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON CONDITIONS OF SERVICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS.

Resolution.

A Resolution was considered and agreed in the following terms, on the qualifications for new entrants to the Public Health Service:—

"That the Council of the British College of Nurses is of opinion that all new entrants to appointments under the Public Health Service, such as Health Visitors, Superintendents of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres, Tuberculosis Visitors, School Nurses, Municipal Midwives and Infant Life Protection Visitors, should be Nurses with a three years' qualification of training, and who are Registered on the General Part of the State Register of Nurses.

In addition to this basic qualification they should also hold the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board and a certificate recognised by the Ministry of Health for all Health Visitors as laid down in paragraph 8 of the Statutory Rules and Orders 1930, No. 69."

It was agreed that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the Minister of Health, the Royal Commission on Local Government Officers, the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, the National Council of Women, and be given other appropriate publicity.

THE NURSING PROFESSION (WAGES AND HOURS) BILL.

It was reported that immediately after the last meeting of the Council, the "Nursing Profession (Wages and Hours) Bill," introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. Fenner Brockway, was printed and down for Second Reading on Thursday, February 26th. Prompt action was taken by the President and available officers of the College, the Royal British Nurses' Association, and the College of Nursing, to block and oppose the Second Reading of the Bill, which had been drafted without the knowledge of the Registered Nurses, and which would be, if it became law, most disastrous to the efficient care of the sick, and to the economic welfare of the Nursing Profession.

The Council decided to continue opposition to the Bill.

LIST OF GIFTS.

From Mrs. Myers, Member's Ticket and tickets for Flower Shows, Royal Horticultural Society.

The Misses Please, "Draw Backs," by Sophia Elsworth.

Miss S. A. Villiers, 5s. for flowers.

Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., 5s. for flowers, concert tickets.

To History of Nursing Section.

Miss Pratley, Life of Florence Nightingale, by Sarah Tooley.

Miss Harding, "Carmen Macaronicum." A collection of

extracts from Foreign and Ancient Literature, with translations by John W. Mollett, B.A., Officier de l'Instruction Publique (France), given by Miss Wilhelmina Mollett to Miss Harding, 1889.

Miss M. F. Steele, R.R.C., Print of "Christ blessing little Children," which was presented by Florence Nightingale to Shoolbred's and procured for the College through Miss M. F. Steele.

Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., £1 for History of Nursing Section.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council should be held on Saturday, April 18th, at 2.15 p.m.

The Meeting then terminated.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

See "Notice of Election" on inside front cover page. Nomination Papers are procurable from the Secretary on and after April 15th.

FIXTURES.

April 15th.—Lecture on Radium by Mr. Stanford Cade, F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. 5.30 p.m.

April 18th.—Monthly Meeting of Council. 2.15 p.m.

April 24th.—Class on Administration. Visit to Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone.

April 30th.—Tutorial Group "At Home." 5 to 6.30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting of the Sister Tutors' League. 6.30 p.m.

May 9th.—Class on Administration. Visit to University College Hospital, London.

May 22nd.—Class on Administration. Visit to Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London.

June 2nd.—Miss E. Hope Bell, F.B.C.N., Matron, Lester Chinese Hospital, Shanghai. Lecture on "The Development of Training of Chinese Men Nurses." 5.30 p.m.

June 6th.—Class on Administration. Visit to Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton, Surrey.

LECTURES.

Two intensely interesting lectures were delivered at the British College of Nurses during the month of March. One by Dr. R. G. Cochrane, M.R.C.P., on "Leprosy," which threw quite a new light on its treatment and nursing; the other, by Mr. Alan Todd, B.Sc., F. R.C.S., on "Orthopaedics," a most fascinating lecture.

We hope to publish both in a later issue of this journal.

A LEADING AUSTRALIAN NURSE.

Miss Eleanor Harrald, for ten years Matron of the Adelaide Hospital, South Australia, a position from which she has recently retired, received her training in the same institution. The nurse training school is one of the most important in the Commonwealth, and its graduates are in high standing. Miss Harrald, whose picture appears on page 89 of this issue, is a member of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association, the Royal British Nurses' Association, and since February, 1927, has been a Fellow of the British College of Nurses. We wish her health and happiness in her retirement after an arduous and distinguished professional career.

WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE DOING.

Some of our readers may be glad to know that Miss M. A. Robertson, M.B.C.N., 3, Westbrooke, Worthing, maintains a Home for Children whose parents are abroad, permanently and for holidays, and nurses or other ladies requiring change of air can be taken during term time. Terms: Children £2 2s., Adults £2 12s. 6d., Convalescents £3 3s. Every comfort and consideration are given.

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