

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The sixty-sixth Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, May 21st, 1932, at 2.15 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and there were present: Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Vice-President, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss N. Farrant, Miss D. K. Graham, Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., Fellows, Miss H. G. Ballard, Miss A. M. Bright and Miss E. J. Haswell, Members.

Prayers having been read by the Secretary, the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

1. Letter from Town Clerk, Guildhall, Bath, acknowledging a communication from the British College of Nurses, expressing appreciation of the progressive action taken by the Watch Committee of Bath in taking steps to engage the services of such female Attendants as may be necessary in the Public Mortuary.

Letters from Miss M. Drakard, F.B.C.N., of thanks for good wishes and happiness in her retirement, and expressing appreciation of the article published of her career in *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*.

A letter from Miss I. Macdonald, F.B.C.N., of thanks for message sent from the Council of warm admiration and thanks for the Lecture delivered by her at the College on "The Four Temperaments."

A letter from Mrs. Attwell, F.B.C.N., thanking the President for the announcement of the birth of her son, published in *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1. A letter was reported from Miss M. Breay, F.B.C.N., Vice-President, thanking the Council for its kind message of sympathy and flowers sent to her from it, and expressing regret she could not be present at its Meeting.

The President informed the Council that she had made a second journey to Worthing to see Miss Breay, and that although she still needed great care, there was a marked improvement in her condition.

1. Letters of regret for absence were received from Miss G. Le Geyt and Miss E. Brodie, Fellows.

2. A letter from Miss H. F. MacCormac, sending thanks for flowers and kind enquiries for her during her serious illness, and regretting that she will be unable to attend the Special Meeting of the Grand Council, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, on May 28th.

3. Letter from Mrs. Hartree, Hon. Secretary (Cambridge and District Branch) of National Council of Women, *re* the following Resolution for inclusion on the Agenda of Annual Council Meeting at Norwich in October, and asking the Council of the British College of Nurses to support the Resolution, drawn up by Mrs. Keynes, as a result of her study of the present position as to training for the Nursing Profession when preparing evidence for *The Lancet* Commission, and after reading the Report of the Commission on which that branch recently had an address by Dr. Margaret Jackson, the Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

"That the National Council of Women urges County Councils and County Borough Councils to adopt schemes of training for Nurses in the Institutions under their control which by making training continuous as between the different Institutions, and thereby removing blind alleys, will stimulate the entry of probationers and improve their professional outlook."

The President reminded the Council that the National Council of Women prepared its evidence for *The Lancet*

Commission without any reference to or consultation with the Registered Nurses' organisations affiliated to it; and that the British College of Nurses disapproved of certain recommendations which they were of opinion were calculated to depreciate the One Portal system of examination controlled by the General Nursing Councils under the Nurses' Registration Acts.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed that a reply be sent to Mrs. Hartree, Hon. Secretary, stating that the Resolution was carefully considered by the Council of the British College of Nurses at its meeting on May 21st, and it was unanimously agreed that it was unable to support the Resolution as it dealt with the reorganisation of nursing education which required further professional consideration.

8. A letter of thanks from Miss I. Tulloch, F.B.C.N., for congratulations on her appointment of Matron at Plaistow Hospital.

10. A letter from Miss M. A. D. Mitchell, M.B.C.N., to the President, offering a gift of the issue of the *Daily Mail*, printed in gold, of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Procession in 1897, with portraits of the Queen and all her descendants down to the present Prince of Wales, only 50 copies of which were published. It was agreed that a letter be sent expressing thanks and warm appreciation to Miss Mitchell for her generosity in presenting this rare and valuable gift to the College Collection of Royal Mementoes.

11. A letter from Miss N. Green, General Secretary of the National Council of Women of Great Britain, enclosing a Nomination Paper for the Election by postal ballot of the Officers and Executive Committee. It was agreed to invite Miss S. A. Villiers to stand for election as a representative of the affiliated Societies.

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.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Chairman of the Education Committee, which met on May 10th, presented the Report.

The Committee reported that Miss B. Filley, F.B.C.N., had passed the Health Visitors Examination, and thanked the Council for the Grant of £25 which enabled her to train at the National Health Society.

Miss E. Fenton, M.B.C.N., had completed her House-keeping Course at the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, and expressed thanks for the Grant of £10 which enabled her to take this training.

Miss Edna Kathleen Adams, M.B.C.N., had begun her training at the General Lying-in Hospital, York Road, S.E., and expressed her thanks for the Grant of £35 received from the College to enable her to train at York Road General Lying-in Hospital.

GRANTS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES TO FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

It was agreed to recommend that the following Grants should be allocated July, 1932-33. One Grant for Health Visitors' Course and Examination of £25; Two Grants for Midwifery Training and Examination by Central Midwives' Board of £35 each; Two Grants of £10 towards Hospital Housekeeping Course; Two Grants of £2 2s. each for Autumn Course of Lectures and Examination on Tropical Diseases at the Tropical Diseases Hospital, Endsleigh Gardens.

A Psychology Group had not so far been formed as a sufficient number of Fellows and Members were unable to attend the meeting.

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