

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

THE COUNCIL MEETING.

Educational Grants.

At the last Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses, held on Saturday, July 23rd, at 39, Portland Place, London, the allocation of Educational Grants recommended by the Education Committee was approved, and it was agreed that:—

Two Midwifery Grants of £35 each be awarded for training in Midwifery and Central Midwives Board Examination, to Miss M. C. Hall, M.B.C.N., since September, 1929, Trained, Fulham Hospital, Hammersmith, at present Ward Sister, Fulham Hospital; and to Miss M. J. Paterson, M.B.C.N., since January, 1931, Trained, St. Leonard's Hospital, Shoreditch, at present Queen's District Nurse.

Two Housekeeping Grants of £10 each towards the expenses of a Hospital Housekeeping Course to:—Miss L. J. Cakebread, M.B.C.N., since January, 1927, Trained Westminster Hospital, London, at present Holiday Sister at Sanatorium, Braintree, Essex, who will take this Course at the University College Hospital, London; and to Miss L. Clark, M.B.C.N., since July, 1930, Trained Nottingham General Hospital and Ilford Isolation Hospital, at present Ward Sister, St. Andrew's Hospital, Devons Road, E.3, who will take Course at King George Hospital, Ilford, Essex.

It was reported that no application for a Health Visitor's Grant had been received.

Administration Classes.

Arrangements are being made to hold eight Administration Classes, limited to twelve Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses, in the Autumn and Spring. By the kind consent of the authorities, visits will be made during the Autumn Course to the new Nurses' Home in connection with Charing Cross Hospital; the Tuberculosis Settlement, Papworth Hall, Cambridge; Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monks Orchard, Beckenham, Kent, and the Preliminary Training School and Departments at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.1.

Those who wish to attend these Classes should communicate as soon as possible with the Secretary, the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W.1.

French Classes.

To help those who wish to attend the Congress of the International Council of Nurses at Paris and Brussels in July, 1933, arrangements are being made for a Course of twelve French Classes to be held weekly at the British College of Nurses, from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., to begin in the first week of October. The cost will be 1s. per class per head, fees to be paid in advance for the whole course.

Fellows and Members who desire to join these Classes are requested to communicate with the Secretary, 39, Portland Place, W.1, stating on which of the following days they could attend weekly: Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays.

Gifts.

The Secretary announced a long list of valuable gifts—to be published later. For the History of Nursing Section Miss I. Macdonald £1 1s. 0d., and £1 each from Miss N. Farrant, Miss K. A. Smith, and Miss A. M. Bright.

It was decided to hold the next Meeting of the Council on September 17th at 2.15 p.m.

COLLEGE FIXTURES.

September 17th.—Monthly Meeting of the Council, 2.15 p.m.

September 28th.—Class on Administration. Visit to Charing Cross Hospital new Nurses' Home. 3 p.m.

October 6th.—Class on Administration. Visit to the Tuberculosis Settlement, Papworth Hall, Papworth, Cambridge. Departure by Coach from London at 9 a.m.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Sixth Annual General Meeting of Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Wednesday, July 13th, 1932, at 3 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair in her Robes of Office, supported by Dr. Bedford Fenwick, Treasurer and Trustee, and the following Councillors and ex-Councillors were present, their beautiful Robes being much admired:—Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss N. Farrant, Miss D. K. Graham and Miss I. Macdonald.

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.

In reporting apologies for absence from Miss H. G. Ballard, Miss K. A. Smith and Miss G. Le Geyt, the President said that Miss A. M. Bushby and Miss S. A. Villiers, were detained owing to an important Meeting of the G.N.C., and read a message received from Miss Margaret Breay, sending deep regret at her enforced absence, expressing admiration for the President's work. The President was sure everyone would be glad to learn that Miss Breay's condition was so much improved, and would wish a message sent to her from the Meeting, expressing warm appreciation of her great services rendered to the Profession for so many years. This was carried with acclamation.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL AND THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR 1931-1932.

The President then presented the Sixth Annual Report of the Council for 1931-1932, of which we print an abridged account.

In presenting the Sixth 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 last 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 high ethical standard maintained by the College continues to attract the progressive element of the Nursing Profession at home and abroad.

It is deeply regretted that we have lost, by death, seven Fellows and one Member during the year.

This year the Council will lose the very valuable services of Miss Kathleen A. Smith, R.R.C., Fellow, and Miss Alice M. Bright, Member. These ladies have served for three years and the former has also served as Chairman on the Social Schemes Committee.

Only two Nomination Papers for Election of Fellows to the Council have been received—for Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Vice-President, and Miss A. M. Bushby. These two ladies were appointed in the first instance by the Trustees, and therefore were now eligible to submit themselves for election by Postal Ballot by their colleagues for a further three years' term of office. As no other Nominations for Election

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