

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The Sixty-ninth Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, September 17th, 1932.

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

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

Letters of regret for absence were reported from Miss M. Breay and Miss E. Brodie.

The President, on rising, proposed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Miss Isabel Macdonald to condole with her on the death of her mother. The Council, standing, unanimously agreed.

The President reported that she had, on the previous day, visited Miss M. Breay, Vice-President, at Worthing, and was happy to report a very marked improvement in her general health.

DEATH OF MISS ALICE GARSTANG.

The President, with great regret, reported the death of Miss Alice Garstang, F.B.C.N., who was so keenly interested in the College, and would be much missed.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

1. Letter from Miss G. E. Davies, Assistant Registrar, G.N.C., acknowledging, in the absence of the Registrar, the reply sent from the Council of the British College of Nurses on July 29th, pointing out that as its Resolution had not been placed before the Council of the G.N.C., to whom it had been addressed, the Council was unable to reply to questions from a Committee.

2. A letter of thanks for notification that the Council of the British College of Nurses had unanimously elected Miss A. M. Bushby, F.B.C.N., Vice-President, to serve on the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain, and stating that a copy of the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting will be sent to her as soon as possible. (Since received.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

1. (a) A letter from Miss M. C. Hall, M.B.C.N., thanking the Council for Midwifery Grant of £35 awarded to her at its last Meeting. Will send further particulars of when she begins her training at the General Lying-in Hospital, York Road, Lambeth.

(b) Letters of thanks from Miss L. J. Cakebread and Miss L. Clark for Housekeeping Grant of £10 each awarded to them.

2. Re Administration Classes:—

Letters consenting to receive Classes on Hospital Administration have been received from:—(a) Miss K. L. Borne, Cambridgeshire Tuberculosis Colony, Papworth Hall, Cambridge, will receive Class on Thursday, October 6th.

(b) Miss L. C. Header, Matron, Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monks Orchard, Beckenham, on Wednesday, October 26th, and

(c) Miss M. Littleboy, Matron, London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.1, on Thursday, November 10th.

3. National Council of Women. Preliminary Agenda of Annual Meeting to be held October 3rd to 7th at Norwich, and Postal Ballot Papers.

4. Letter from Miss Grace Fairley, from Vancouver, of thanks to the President for the Nightingale Brick, and expressing appreciation on behalf of herself and the Canadian Nurses' Association for the inspiration.

5. A letter from R. H. P. Orde, Esq., Hon. Secretary, The British Hospitals Association, stating that a Meeting of that Association will be held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on November 18th, at 2.30 p.m., to discuss the recommendations contained in the Report of *The Lancet* Commission on Nursing, and asking that the British College of Nurses will appoint two representative speakers to take part in the discussion. It was agreed that the Council send a letter of thanks, stating it was unable to nominate speakers, but that it would be pleased to accept two tickets for representatives to be present to avail themselves of the privilege of listening to the discussion.

6. A letter from Miss S. M. Round, F.B.C.N., stating she would start for further training at the Leper Asylum at Diepoli in the first week in August, and hopes to send interesting news for the Journal.

7. A letter from Miss D. A. Turner, F.B.C.N., enclosing Annual Subscription, who writes from Palwal, S. Punjab, India:—"I look forward each month to the Journal, which always has such interesting articles, and it fascinates me to see how the College is growing in its spheres of usefulness."

8. A letter from Miss M. E. Stewart, F.B.C.N., stating she has been appointed Matron at Wyle House, Isleworth—"a congenial change from work in a large Hospital."

9. A very interesting letter from Miss S. C. W. Barrie, asking that further educational facilities might be arranged for members in Scotland—as they are in London. A letter of advice from the Secretary was read, and it was agreed to refer the question to the Education Committee for consideration, and report.

10. A letter from Miss K. V. Mahon, F.B.C.N., stating that owing to the illness of her sister, she was unable to sit for Health Visitors' Examination. Books lent to her from the College have been returned.

11. Letters from members requiring administrative posts—Members of the Council made helpful suggestions.

12. A letter from Mrs. McLeod Miller, *née* Miss Christina Fraser, who was married on August 20th.

13. Thanks for Diplomas from:—Miss F. I. Claydon, F.B.C.N., Miss L. M. M. Hawkins and Miss I. W. Ptolmey, Members.

14. Letter from Miss M. L. Mackie, F.B.C.N., sending Preliminary Announcement of the London School of Dietetics.

15. Letter from the President, London School of Dietetics sending particulars *re* enquiries from the College, and asking if the British College of Nurses would nominate a representative to its Advisory Committee, which is being formed. It was agreed that a letter be sent thanking J. Neil Leitch, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.P. (Lond.) the President, for his courteous letter and informing him that the British College of Nurses had nominated Miss H. G. Ballard, Sister Tutor, St. Leonard's Hospital, Shoreditch, a member of its Council, who was greatly interested in the subject, as its representative.

APPOINTMENT OF FELLOW ON THE COUNCIL.

The President said the next business was the appointment of a Fellow to the Council—a vacancy having arisen owing to the election of Miss A. M. Bushby as a Vice-President. She invited those present to nominate candidates, and said she was aware that it was hoped that Miss Isabel Macdonald would accept the position.

Miss Bushby proposed, and Miss Graham seconded, the nomination of Miss Isabel Macdonald, and when put to the Meeting the recommendation was unanimously agreed, and Miss Isabel Macdonald was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Council.

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