

## THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

### REPORT OF COUNCIL MEETING.

The seventy-seventh Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, May 20th, 1933.

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, Miss I. Macdonald, *Fellows*; and Miss E. J. Haswell, *Member*.

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

Letters of regret for absence were received from Miss Margaret Breay, Miss E. Brodie and Miss Ballard. Miss Breay in her letter also expressed warmest thanks to the Council for the lovely roses presented to her on the evening of the Fourth Annual Dinner by Miss D. K. Graham, on behalf of the Council.

### BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

1. Communication received from the Treasurer, Dr. Bedford Fenwick, agreeing to the recommendation of the Council, "that two grants of ten pounds each be given by the British College of Nurses to enable two members of the College to attend the I.C.N. Congress in Paris and Brussels." It was agreed that the grants of £10 each be awarded to Miss E. F. Brownsdon, F.B.C.N., Sister in Charge, Treatment Centre, L.C.C. School Nursing Service, and Miss Jessie Holmes, F.B.C.N., to help towards their expenses when attending the International Congress.

2. Letter from Miss A. Macwilliam, F.B.C.N., consenting to represent the British College of Nurses at the Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Council of Women of Great Britain to be held at Torquay in October, 1933.

### HISTORY DINNER.

Letter of thanks sent from the President to Capt. A. S. Cunningham Reid, D.F.C., M.P., thanking him for attending our Annual Dinner and his very great kindness in consenting to speak.

Letter to the President from Mrs. O'Malley of thanks for the current number of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING and expressing warm appreciation at being invited to the "History Dinner."

Wire and letter from Mrs. Clennell Wilkinson regretting that Mr. Clennell Wilkinson, owing to illness, would be unable to attend.

Letters expressing appreciation of the "History Dinner" had been received from many of the Guests of Honour.

Letter from H. & M. Rayne, Ltd., "We are delighted to learn that the costumes were so satisfactory and thank you for your very kind expressions of appreciation."

### CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from Capt. T. St. V. Troubridge, M.B.E., Secretary, St. Marylebone Conservative and Constitutional Union, stating the dates when Mr. Batey's Bill was down for Second Reading. It was agreed a letter of thanks be sent to Capt. Troubridge.

Letter to the President from Sir Albert R. Cook, C.M.G., O.B.E., M.D., B.Sc., B.A. (Uganda), of enquiries as to what Dependencies in Africa have State Registration in Africa. The President reported that very satisfactory information had been obtained from the Registrar of the General Nursing Council and communicated to Sir Albert Cook.

Letter from Miss K. Yeates, Branch Secretary, Australian Nursing Federation, Australian Trained Nurses' Association, of thanks for information given by the College in November, 1932, and wishing to know more about the College and conditions of joining.

Letter from Miss Stanford, Hon. Secretary, The Hyde Park Babies' Club, asking for support of the new movement towards infant welfare for the "not so poor classes," which is the further education of the "Nannies" through Training Schools' Journal and other channels in making Lectures known to as wide a circle of suitable candidates as possible.

Letter from a member who owes annual subscription since July 1931, and states she cannot pay as she is unable to work. It was agreed to give financial help.

Letter from a Fellow stating she has been obliged to go to Hospital for tuberculosis, and asking if it would be possible to borrow books from the Library other than technical books.

It was agreed that the College might pay the subscription of a Lending Library for three months, when the patient could select books to read for herself, and that a letter be sent consulting her on the matter. The President pointed out that the money for this purpose could be taken from the Sympathy Fund, as there was quite a nice little sum in the box.

Letter from Miss M. Paterson, M.B.C.N., thanking the Council for Midwifery Grant of £35, having begun her training on April 26th at the Elsie Inglis Memorial Hospital, Edinburgh.

Letter from Miss J. E. Robinson, Public Assistance Institution, Shaftesbury, M.B.C.N., since July 1926, asking if she may apply for a Grant to enable her to take Health Visitors' Training and Examination.

Letter to the President from Miss M. L. Taylor, F.B.C.N., Matron, St. John's General Hospital, Newfoundland, sending, and collected jointly with Miss M. Sim, F.B.C.N., a donation of £11 6s. for the Florence Nightingale Scholarship Fund.

It was agreed that a special letter of thanks be sent from the Council to Miss Taylor and Miss Sim for their generosity.

Letter from Miss Jessie Holmes concerning bust of Dante and old hand-embroidered blouse, 100 years old, from a Ducal House. Letter of thanks to be sent to Miss Jessie Holmes for these beautiful gifts.

Thanks for Diplomas from: Miss M. Corbin, Miss L. Hallett, Miss C. C. Johnathan, Miss J. Quick, Miss M. S. Robinson.

### ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

Applications received were approved, and candidates elected.

### DEATHS.

The President expressed deep regret that the sad news of the following deaths had been received: Miss Elinor Pell Smith, F.B.C.N., S.R.N., who had been a Fellow of the College since July, 1926, who died on April 25th, 1933, at the Leicester Royal Infirmary.

Miss Pell Smith took an active part in the Nurses' Registration campaign, and had always been deeply interested in nursing affairs.

Miss Winifrede Mary Sadler, M.B.C.N., died on April 14th, 1933. Miss Sadler, who had been a member of the British College of Nurses since August, 1926, was a partner in the Chester Nursing Home, Stanley Place, Chester.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory statement.

### REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Chairman of the Education Committee, which met on May 16th, presented the Report.

The Committee reported that Miss L. J. Cakebread, M.B.C.N., had completed her Housekeeping Course and gained her Housekeeping Certificate at University College Hospital, and thanked the Council for the Grant of £10 which enabled her to take the training.

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