

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The eightieth Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, September 23rd, 1933.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and there were present: Miss A. M. Bushby, Vice-President; Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss J. C. Cowie, Miss G. Le Geyt, and Miss I. Macdonald, *Fellows*, and Miss H. G. Ballard and Miss E. J. Haswell, *Members*.

Regret for absence was reported from Miss Breay and Miss D. K. Graham.

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

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

EXAMINATION FOR THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

The President reported that a letter as agreed had been sent to the Minister of Health strongly objecting to the recommendation in *The Lancet* Commission Report, to divide the preliminary education and examination of young candidates for the Nursing Profession, hitherto conducted under the authority of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. The letter had been acknowledged.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A large number of letters were considered and replies agreed.

Letters of thanks for congratulations sent from the British College of Nurses to (a) Miss A. Lloyd Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., upon her election as President of the International Council of Nurses; and (b) Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., upon her re-election as Treasurer of the International Council of Nurses.

From Miss M. C. Hall, M.B.C.N., stating that she had passed the Central Midwives Board Examination, and expressing thanks for the grant to her by the College.

From Lady Anderson, wife of the Governor of Newfoundland, *re* the training of a nurse in midwifery to qualify her for district nursing on the staff of "Nonia."

Letters *re* the Florence Nightingale Scholarships from Newfoundland and Binghampton City Hospital, U.S.A.

From Mrs. Lampard, R.R.C., *re* the training of a candidate from Iraq.

From Mrs. M. L. Westlake, *née* Harvey, from Honolulu, notifying her marriage in May.

From Miss V. M. Hersée, asking for a good book on Hospital Housekeeping. No work on this subject known; enquiries to be made.

From Miss D. Warren, Barbadoes, expressing warm appreciation of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and notifying the visit of Miss Hudson, Matron, General Hospital, Barbadoes, to London.

Letter from Miss M. L. Jacobs, Matron, The Ontario Hospital, London, Ontario, expressing deep appreciation of the gracious kindness received during her visit to the Old Country and to the I.C.N. Congress.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

All applications received were approved, and the candidates elected.

DEATHS.

The President expressed deep regret that since the last Meeting of the Council news had been received of the deaths of Miss Mary Turner and Miss Isabella Murray, Fellows.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory Financial Statement; £233 5s. 0d. had been received in Annual Subscriptions since the last Meeting.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby, Chairman, presented the following Report:—

Since the last Council Meeting we have received:—

1. The Compleat Servant Maid, or The Young Maiden's Tutor. "Whereunto is added a Supplement containing the choicest Receipts and rarest Secrets in 'Physick and Chirurgery' 1691." Given by Mrs. Riddle.

2. A letter written by Miss Isla Stewart. Given by Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P.

3. "Notes on Nursing" by Miss Florence Nightingale (very good copy). Given by Miss Cochrane, R.R.C.

4. "Notes on Nursing" by Miss Florence Nightingale. Given by Miss Florence Upton, F.B.C.N.

5. Progress in the Reign of Queen Victoria. A brief record of 60 years, by The Very Rev. F. W. Farrar, D.D., F.R.S. Given by Miss A. M. Bushby.

6. Picture of Queen Alexandra taken in a garden. Given by Miss Jessie Holmes.

7. Observations on the Sanitary State of Army in India, by Florence Nightingale. Given by Miss Brodie.

8. Part of letter (cutting from "Punch") signed Florence Nightingale. Given by Miss A. M. Bushby.

9. Part of letter and signature, also a small coloured portrait of Miss Nightingale. Given by Miss A. M. Bushby.

10. A most interesting letter written by Miss Nightingale to Mr. J. Whitfield, the Secretary of St. Thomas's Hospital, from the General Hospital, Balaclava, June 30th, 1856:—

General Hospital, Balaclava,
June 30/56.

My Dear Sir,—In leaving the Crimea with Mrs. Shaw Stewart and the rest of H.M.'s Nurses, I am anxious to introduce to you the above mentioned lady, who has been now employed for 17 months in three different Hospitals of the Crimea successively, and during 16 months of these as Superintendent of the Nurses.

She desires, in your important Hospital, to become thoroughly trained as a nurse in the Surgical Wards. She would wish, if possible, to remain in the Hospital during the time necessary for this. She will give any remuneration which may be agreed upon.

In making this request of you, I feel sure that your experience will soon perceive that, in this lady, there is no idle passing whim, but that she only requires, in order to become accomplished as a good surgical nurse, your training and her own perseverance.

Will you allow me to take this opportunity of thanking you for your invaluable Mrs. Roberts, who has been the main-stay of the Female Nursing Establishment in the Barrack Hospital of Scutari ever since I came out 21 months ago, and whom you were kind enough to recommend to me?

I hope soon to bring her back in good health and spirits.

Believe me to be,

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully and obliged,

(Signed) Florence Nightingale.

J. Whitfield, Esq.

Subscriptions are invited towards the cost of this very valuable letter.

11. A letter from Miss Florence Nightingale, written to Dr. Furse, about letters in *The Lancet* against our Army Medical School, March 14th, 1858.

12. "Experiences of an English Sister of Mercy" by Goodman. Given by Miss A. M. Bushby.

Miss Bushby was warmly thanked for her energetic pursuit of Nightingaleiana and her generous gifts to the History Section. The Report was adopted.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary presented a statement in which she reported that there had been 39 visitors to the College. In the History Section donations for £3 2s. 0d. had been received and the following had been spent:—

A framed print of Florence Nightingale ...	£1 10 0
Two Royal Plates	1 15 0
Royal Arms beautifully woven in silk ...	2 0
Leaving a balance in hand of 19s. 5d.	

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)