

Miss J. K. Donald, Hon. Secretary, Parliamentary and Legislation Sectional Committee of the National Council of Women of Great Britain, asking if Miss D. K. Graham will continue to be the College representative on that Committee.

It was agreed that before replying, a letter be sent asking if the Resolution on "Training of Nurses" proposed by Mrs. Keynes at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women, at Torquay, was ever brought before the Parliamentary and Legislation Sectional Committee for consideration.

Letter from Miss Alice Torr, F.B.C.N., late of Christie Street Hospital, Toronto, asking what part the Nursing Service takes with Health Insurance in Great Britain, as they hope to have contributory Health Insurance in Canada, and would be grateful for information.

Was State Nursing discussed at the recent I.C.N. Convention, and if so, what was the reception of this subject?

Do you consider that contributory Health Insurance has been a good thing for (a) the people of Great Britain, (b) the Medical Profession, (c) the Nursing Profession?

Are Nurses (other than Victorian Order of Nurses and some religious or charitable orders) available to the people under the Health Insurance Scheme?

Do you consider it would be better for nurses to work under a panel system similar to medical men, than to be at the mercy of periodic economic depression?

The conditions in Canada are very grave, and owing to the prohibitive cost of sickness and hospitalization, many people go without proper care, and we feel that the time has come when medical care must be brought within the reach of all.

The Secretary was directed to reply to this letter.

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 death of Miss Annie May Playdon, F.B.C.N.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory Financial Statement. £85 18s. 2d. had been received in annual subscriptions since the last Meeting of the Council.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., presented the Report of the Education Committee which met on October 10th, 1933, at 39, Portland Place, W.1.

Arrangements to enable Fellows and Members of the College to take a course of Training in Venereal Diseases were considered and recommended.

COURSE OF TRAINING IN VENEREAL DISEASES.

It was agreed that it is very necessary for nurses to take this course of training, especially now that the Overseas Nursing Association is interested in this work, and that Fellows and Members wishing for information concerning a course of training in Venereal Diseases should communicate with the Secretary, The British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

ADMINISTRATION CLASSES: THE SPRING COURSE.

It was agreed to recommend that the holding of Administration Classes be continued in the Spring, and a programme for five classes was submitted for consideration.

The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss Bushby reported that she would submit a Report at the next Meeting of the Council.

MISS GRAHAM'S REPORT.

Miss Graham reported that she, in conjunction with Miss Isabel Macdonald and Miss Beatrice Cutler, were arranging a Dance at the Royal British Nurses' Association Headquarters, when members of the British College of Nurses who danced would be invited.

The Council accepted this kind invitation for members with pleasure, and thanked the three hostesses.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported that there had been 42 visitors to the College, amongst whom was Miss Fanny Burchell, F.B.C.N., Lady Superintendent, Ru Rua Private Hospital, North Adelaide, S. Australia.

HISTORY SECTION.

There was a balance in hand of 19s. 5d., donations received amounted to £7 11s., making a total of £8 10s. 5d. There had been spent £6 7s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £2 2s. 11d.

LIST OF GIFTS.

- Concert Tickets ... Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C.
- Book "Treatment of Fractures by Mobilisation and Massage," by Mennell ... Miss G. M. Hovenden.
- Theatre Tickets ... Miss I. Macdonald.
- 10s. for Flowers ... Miss I. Macdonald.
- Flowers ... Mrs. E. Wates.
- £1 for Flowers ... Miss D. K. Graham.

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- £1 ... Miss I. Macdonald.
- £1 ... Miss M. S. Cochrane.
- £1 ... Miss E. J. Haswell.
- 10s. ... Miss Le Geyt.

(which purchased an exquisite terra-cotta figure of Miss Florence Nightingale sitting on a bench, by G. Knoblauch, 1912, reported at Council Meeting on September 23rd, and in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.)

Sèvres Bisque Figure of Joan of Arc ... Miss A. S. Bryson.

Finely illustrated book on Joan of Arc, dedicated to the "Women of France" ... "

Fine green plate with embossed figure of Joan of Arc ... Miss D. K. Graham.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council should be held on Saturday, November 18th, at 2.15 p.m.

The Meeting then terminated.

FIXTURES.

November 18th.—Monthly Meeting of the Council, 2.15 p.m.

HISTORY.

Arrangements have been made for a Class not exceeding twelve Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses to attend five Lectures delivered by Mr. Allen Walker, on "Five Historic Houses."

The Council is of opinion that for the Autumn Course nothing could be more advisable than to learn something of these stately homes of England now being so rapidly demolished.

The last two Lectures will be held on:

November 22nd.—Richmond Palace, Richmond Green, Surrey.

December 6th.—Lord Leighton's House, Holland Park Road, Melbury Road, Kensington Road, W.

ADMINISTRATION CLASSES.

The first Class will visit Headquarters Sections of Imperial Navy, Army and Air Force Institutions as soon as a convenient date can be arranged.

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