

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The seventy-fifth Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, March 18th, 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 I. Macdonald, Fellows; Miss H. G. Ballard and Miss E. J. Haswell, Members.

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

The President reported a letter of regret for absence from Miss E. Brodie.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

"HISTORY DINNER."

The following letters from Guests of Honour accepting invitations to the "History Dinner" have been received from:—

Sir George Turner, K.B.E., C.B., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., author of "Mary Stuart. Forgotten Forgeries."

The Lady Hermione Blackwood.

Mrs. I. B. O'Malley, authoress of "Life of Florence Nightingale":—"It is very good of your President and Council to invite me to the 'History Dinner,' and I shall be delighted to be present on such an interesting occasion. I have therefore much pleasure in accepting your invitation. I thank you for sending me the pamphlet about the British College of Nurses. I have read it with interest, and I feel that the work you are doing is very important, not only for the Nursing Profession but for the public at large."

Miss Irene Ward, M.P., has consented to propose Toast to the Chair:—"Thank you very much for your kind letter and invitation to attend your Dinner on May 4th. I shall be very glad indeed to do so, and to propose the Toast you kindly suggest, providing it is understood that my acceptance is subject to my Parliamentary duties permitting me to be present."

Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D.

Miss M. E. Medforth, C.B.E., R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S.

Miss R. Osborne, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief, T.A.N.S.

Miss K. C. Watt, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief, Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service.

Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., Matron and Superintendent of Nursing, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Miss Nan. L. Dorsey, R.N.

Miss L. C. Hearder, Matron, Bethlem Royal Hospital.

Miss M. H. Hart, awarded the Dock-Nutting Prize for Essay on "Pre-Reformation Nurses in England," St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Mr. Allen S. Walker, Lecturer to His Majesty's Office of Works:—"I need hardly say how much honoured and gratified I feel at the extremely kind invitation which I received this morning, and that I gratefully accept. It is very pleasant to be told that members of the College have enjoyed the Lecture-Visits to various antiquities of London, and I have always trusted that London History might afford a hobby to members of the medical and nursing professions, as it cuts right away from their responsible and anxious work, and takes them into periods of history which are not their own and for which, therefore, they have no medical responsibility. May I ask you to thank the Council for this greatly valued invitation, and I look forward with great pleasure to being present."

Mrs. Berens-Dowdeswell, F.B.C.N.:—"It is most kind of the Council of the British College of Nurses to invite us to be present at the 'History Dinner' at Grosvenor House,

Park Lane. We accept the invitation with great pleasure. My husband will much appreciate the honour of saying Grace on this occasion. May I take the liberty of sending you a cheque for two guineas towards the expenses of the Dinner, which must be very heavy."

Several letters from invited guests unable to accept were received with regret.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from Mrs. M. Lampard, R.R.C., F.B.C.N., sending one guinea to Florence Nightingale Scholarships Fund to add a small mite towards the £100 being raised by the British College of Nurses. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs. Lampard.

The President here drew the attention of the Council to the generosity of Miss D. K. Graham who had, at the Executive Meeting of the National Council of Nurses, in addition to her former donation of £5, given £4 to the College Fund, so completing the British College of Nurses donation of £100, as an expression of love and loyalty to the Founder of Modern Nursing.

Letter from Miss M. Robertson, F.B.C.N., of thanks for recommending her home to a Fellow of the College.

Letter of thanks from Miss M. P. Ingram, for information sent *re* Training Schools.

Letters of thanks from (a) Miss M. R. Chichester, M.B.C.N., and (b) Miss G. L. Young, M.B.C.N., for information *re* refresher course of training in modern nursing.

It was agreed that in the future, applicants who apply for Grants to enable them to qualify and sit for the C.M.B. Examination, must first be interviewed and invited to write a Thesis on a given subject as a Test Examination.

Letters from (a) Miss E. M. Menhennett, M.B.C.N., R.B.N.A., S. Australia, and (b) Miss E. Mason, M.B.C.N., Calcutta, of thanks for Christmas Cards, and expressing appreciation of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

Letter from Miss M. Ingman, F.B.C.N., of thanks for College Badge.

Letter from Miss Isabel Donze, Hon. Sec., Nationality of Married Women Pass the Bill Committee, asking if the British College of Nurses will be represented, and if so, by whom, on the Deputation to the Home Secretary on Monday, March 20th, 1933, at 12 noon, and hopes that a delegate will be sent to this Deputation.

It was agreed that Miss D. K. Graham should attend the Deputation to the Home Secretary as a delegate from the British College of Nurses.

Letter from Miss Isabel M. Stewart, of Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, sending autographed portrait of Miss M. Adelaide Nutting, R.N., M.A.

Letter from Miss Gertrude A. Please, who writes "I see in this month's issue of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING my dear Sister's name has been put in the Book of Remembrance. I thank the College very much for the great honour it is for her name to be placed there, and I feel it as a great comfort to me for she was very proud of the College."

It was agreed to give a grant to a Fellow in arrears, through illness, with her rent.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

Applications received were approved, and candidates elected.

DEATHS.

The President expressed deep regret that news had been received of the following deaths:—

Miss Nancy Weir Hope, who had been a Fellow of the College since May 16th, 1927, Queen's Nurse, Glasgow, on February 27th, 1933. Miss Hope received her general training at the Royal Alexandra Infirmary, Paisley, afterwards taking C.M.B. qualification, and was beloved by all who knew her.

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