

The Daily Mail printed in gold for the Coronation of King George V. and Queen Mary, given by Miss Rhoda Metherell.

The President warmly thanked Miss Bushby for her untiring zeal and all she had achieved in bringing together the very valuable Historical Collection of the College.

The Report was adopted.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary presented a Statement in which she reported that there had been 42 visitors to the College, and since the last Meeting of the Council French Classes had been held on November 25th, and December 2nd, 9th and 16th.

8. (1) (a) To consider the action of the London County Council in proposing to extend the Nurses' training from 3 to 4 years without consulting the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

(b) To decide and take such action as may be considered advisable.

(2) To consider the action of the London County Council in deciding that applicants for Sister Housekeeper, one of the grades of Female Nursing Staff dealt with in Regulation 631, the members of which are required to be trained in Nursing and also Departmental Sisters (Massage, X-ray, and Electrical Departments) need not of necessity be State Registered Nurses, but will be specialists in their own particular branch of work.

The action (1) of the London County Council in proposing to extend the Nurses' Training from three to four years without consulting the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, was considered. After some discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to the London County Council pointing out that in the recommendations of the Central Public Health Committee no explanation is forthcoming of what the extra training is to consist, or if the nurses are to be prepared at the end of three years to fit them to sit for the Final State Examination of the General Nursing Council as provided for in the Statutory Rules.

Also the Council considered the action of the London County Council in deciding that applicants for Sister Housekeeper, one of the grades of Female Nursing Staff dealt with in Regulation 631, the members of which are required to be trained in Nursing and also Departmental Sisters (Massage, X-ray, and Electrical Departments) need not of necessity be State Registered Nurses, but will be specialists in their own particular branch of work.

In the discussion it was pointed out that concerning "Sister Housekeeper" posts a considerable number of State Registered Sisters were taking a course of training in this branch of work at the Battersea Polytechnic, and the consequences of the recommendation of the Central Public Health Committee, that non-Registered persons shall be eligible for these well-paid posts, would deprive highly qualified Registered Nurses of their right to professional preferment.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the London County Council taking strong exception to its decision in these matters, which would be injurious to the status of Registered Nurses, and to the standard of nursing of the sick in municipal hospitals.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS MACDONALD AND MISS ALLBUTT.

The President moved that a letter of congratulation be sent to Miss I. Macdonald and Miss M. G. Allbutt on their election as Directors of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and expressed satisfaction that their election provided for the representation of nurses in Municipal Hospitals, and of nurses in Private practice.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Flowers, Mrs. Wates.
Ss. Anonymous.
Plant, Miss Ballard.
Beautiful Calendar, Miss Effie Taylor, U.S.A. Compiled by the League of Nursing Education, U.S.A.

ISLA STEWART LIBRARY.

Book, "Maids of Honour" by A. J. Green-Armytage. Miss Jessie Holmes.

HISTORY SECTION.

Small Bust of General Gordon. At one time the property of his sister and so inscribed. Miss G. A. Please.

Book, "Works of William Hogarth," by the Rev. John Trusler. Fully illustrated. Miss A. S. Bryson.

Book, "The Ear, in Health and Disease," by William Harvey, F.R.C.S. Miss Jessie Holmes. Formerly the property of Queen Victoria and stamped with her Arms.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, January 21st, 1933.

THANKS TO MISS BUSHBY FOR PUBLIC SERVICE.

The President reminded the Council that Miss Bushby had attended her last meeting on the previous day of the General Nursing Council on which she had been a devoted attendant for the past ten years. Miss Bushby had been in sympathy with the professional policy of the College, and had done all in her power to promote the prestige of the General Nursing Council and the best interests of Registered Nurses. She had hoped to present a little gift, a really beautiful *papier-mache* box, in recognition of their gratitude and appreciation for Miss Bushby's services to the profession, but alas! it had not been delivered and must be given later.

The Council unanimously offered a Vote of Thanks to Miss Bushby with acclamation, who returned thanks for its sympathy and recognition.

The Meeting then terminated.

FIXTURES.

January 13th and each Friday up to and including Friday, February 10th.—French Classes, 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.

January 21st.—Monthly Meeting of the Council, 2.15 p.m.

January 25th.—Annual Meeting of Tutorial Group, 3.30 to 4.30 p.m.

January 25th.—Miss Ballard "At Home" to Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses, and League of Sister Tutors, 4.30 p.m., preceding a Lecture by Dr. Neil Leitch, M.D., M.R.C.P., on "Hospital Dietitians; Scientists or Nurses," at 5.30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE CLASSES.

Arrangements are being made to hold three Administration Classes, limited to twelve Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses, in the Spring. By the kind consent of the authorities, the first Class of this series will visit Queen Charlotte's Auxiliary Hospital and Isolation Block, Goldhawk Road, Hammersmith, on Thursday, February 2nd, 1933. Those who wish to attend these Classes should communicate as soon as possible with the Secretary, the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W.1.

DANCE.

Miss I. Macdonald and Miss D. K. Graham will give a Dance to Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses on the evening of Saturday, 18th February, from 8 to 12, at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, and they hope that Fellows and Members will take this as an invitation to be present. R.S.V.P. to above address.

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