

NUTTING-DOCK PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRIZE.

The Committee regrets the delay in announcing their decision. Owing to an accident in transportation which held the materials up for several months, and to the fact that the Committee members were widely scattered and very busy women, it was impossible to issue the announcement earlier.

The prize has been awarded to Miss Margaret Helen Hart, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, England, for an essay on "Pre-Reformation Nurses in England."

E. v. Abendroth, Dresden.
 Louise d'Ursel-Hennezel, Belgium.
 C. Petersen, Denmark.
 C. Reimann, Geneva.
 Nina D. Gage, U.S. America, Chairman.

The terms of this Contest, which was open to the Nurses of all nations, appeared in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING in 1931, and in forwarding to us the announcement of the result Miss Nina D. Gage, the Chairman of the Committee of Award, writes:—

"We congratulate you that the award has gone to an English Nurse." . . .

THE PRIZE WINNER.

The Prize for the Nutting-Dock Prize Essay, which was advertised in this JOURNAL in 1931, amounts to a hundred dollars (some £20), and, as announced, has been awarded by an expert Committee to Miss Margaret Helen Hart, a Staff Nurse at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

We are informed that Miss Hart wrote the Essay on "Pre-Reformation Nurses in England" in 1931, when in her second year of training, a proof of her keen interest in historical research.

We offer Miss Hart our warmest congratulations on her success. To be associated in this contest with the names of our leading professional historians, Miss L. L. Dock, R.N., and Miss M. Adelaide Nutting, R.N., M.A., whose monumental work, "A History of Nursing," is the basis of our knowledge of nursing history throughout the world, is an honour indeed. We also offer congratulations to the Nurses' Training School of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, of which Miss Hart is evidently a remarkable pupil.

THE FINAL PROGRAMME.

The Final Programme of the International Council of Nurses' Congress, to be held in Paris-Brussels, July 10th to 15th next, as far as it has been possible to compile it, is published in this issue of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. We invite our readers to file this copy carefully for future reference, and to order any extra copies they may require as soon as possible from The Manager, B.J.N. Office, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. Price 7d.

At the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to be held on February 28th, final details of business will be agreed, so far as its members are concerned.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Seventy-third Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, January 21st, 1933.

In the absence of the President, Miss A. M. Bushby was in the Chair, and there were present:—Miss E. Brodie, Miss N. Farrant, Miss D. K. Graham, Miss Isabel 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.

On rising, Miss A. M. Bushby read a letter sent to the Council from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, expressing much regret that she was unable to be present owing to an attack of influenza, but hoping for improvement and stating "I feel sure our affairs are safe in your hands."

Miss Bushby moved from the Chair that a letter be sent to the President expressing the very deep concern of the Council to hear that she was unable to be with them owing to an attack of influenza, and that the Council wished her to know how much they missed her inspiring presence, and that they would endeavour to carry on as she would desire and to assure her of their sincere wishes for her speedy recovery. (Carried unanimously.)

Regrets for absence were received from Miss Margaret Breay, Vice-President, and Miss G. Le Geyt, Fellow.

Miss Breay wrote:—

DEAR MISS BRYSON,

"Will you kindly convey also to the Council my grateful thanks for the lovely flowers which they were so good as to send me at Christmas, and which made my room so beautiful. I did think it extraordinarily kind of them to such a useless member as I have been for the greater part of the year.

"By the kindness of the President and the special permission of the powers that be I was able to enjoy some of the Registration cake, and was much refreshed mentally and none the worse physically. I have tasted nothing so sweet for a long time. I was very sorry to miss that ceremony."

BUSINESS ARISING.

1. A communication from Sir Montagu Cox, Clerk to the London Council, acknowledging the following communication sent from the Council objecting to the employment of unregistered Nurses as Sisters.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES,
 39, Portland Place, W.1.

January 3rd, 1933.

SIR,

Your letter of December 14th, 1932, was placed before my Council at a Meeting on December 17th last, and I am instructed to say that, before adopting a recommendation altering so considerably the term of training for nurses (in hospitals under the management of the Central Public Health Committee) the Council of the British College of Nurses consider that the Central Public Health Committee might, with advantage, have consulted with the General Nursing Council, which is the education authority of the nursing profession. As the matter stands at present, my Council would be glad to have information on the following points:—

(a) Are the nurses, in training in the above-mentioned hospitals, to be prepared to sit for the examination of the General Nursing Council at the close of their third year?

(b) What, if any, special branches of training, as for instance midwifery, are to be covered in this extended term of training?

(c) Does the contract of the London County Council, with nurses now in training, cover powers to add an additional year to the term of training as originally arranged?

My Council also wish me to express their strong disapproval of the action of the Central Public Health Committee in making provision for certain special departments for the treatment of

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