

"As explained over the telephone this morning, the Association does not propose to take any action for the reason given." (That the Bill has no chance of coming before the House of Commons.)

(h) Mr. G. L. C. Elliston, M.A., Executive Secretary, the Society of Medical Officers of Health:—"I will bring the matter before my Council at their next meeting."

(i) Miss G. E. Davies, Registrar, General Nursing Council for England and Wales, states that by the direction of the Chairman, the letter and Resolution will be placed before the Council at its next meeting on April 27th.

(j) Miss E. Simpson, Secretary, Midwives' Institute:—"I am desired to inform you that the Council of the Midwives' Institute had this matter under consideration at their Meeting when the following Resolution was passed:—

"The Council of the Midwives' Institute Incorporated, has considered Lord Dawson's Bill to restrict the sale, display and advertisement of contraceptives, and agreed that the words in Clause 1 Sub-section (i) 'the sale or offer for sale . . . by . . . registered nurse or certified midwife' be omitted."

(k) Mr. H. G. Westley, M.A., LL.D., Secretary, Central Midwives Board, states that the letter was placed before the Board which it acknowledges.

(l) The Secretary, the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain acknowledges letter.

(m) Captain T. St. V. Troubridge, M.B.E., acknowledging letter states:—"I have forwarded it to Captain Cunningham-Reid who will bear the Resolution of your Council in mind when the Bill comes before the Commons."

SISTER DORA.

Letters received from Mr. Peter H. Thomas, the Mayor of Walsall's Secretary, in reply to special Votes of Thanks from the Council to S. E. Edge, Esq., the Mayor, and to Mr. Peter H. Thomas, his Secretary:—

(a) "The Mayor and I have received your kind letter of the 24th inst., and thank you for the same; as a fact I intended the Mayor to have any credit for the parcel received. However, this need not prevent you writing to me at any time you want information about Sister Dora.

"I have read many times the original of the letter from Florence Nightingale expressing her regret that owing to her age and enfeebled health, she could not come to unveil the Statue of Sister Dora.

"I am more than repaid for anything I have done for you by the honour done to the memory of Sister Dora by the British College of Nurses."

(b) "The Mayor desires me to thank you for your letter of the 11th inst., enclosing copy of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. He is very pleased indeed with the matter therein contained relating to Sister Dora, and feels more than repaid for any trouble he went to . . . and will thank you to send me a dozen copies of the Journal for publicity purposes. I am particularly pleased with the way you have dealt with the matter."

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter of regret for absence from Miss Breay.

Letter from a Member asking for advice owing to having lost her index finger through accident. Advice given. Such an accident did not necessarily incapacitate a nurse in the performance of her duties.

Letter from (a) Miss J. B. Davidson, F.B.C.N., stating that she has been appointed X-ray Sister under the Municipal Council Health Department, Shanghai, and sails on April 27th, and (b) Miss L. J. Cakebread, M.B.C.N., that she has been appointed Assistant Matron to the British Hospital, Montevideo, Uruguay, and sails on April 21st. It was agreed that letters of congratulation be sent.

ADMINISTRATION CLASSES.

(a) Letters from the Assistant Controller of Publicity, expressing thanks and appreciation of THE BRITISH JOURNAL

OF NURSING, with the report of the Administration Class visit, which he and their Chairman, Colonel Sir Murrrough Wilson, read with great interest, and

(b) Expressing the thanks of the General Manager of the Navy, Army, and Air Forces Institutes Headquarters, and

(c) Thanking the Council of the College for its Vote of Thanks and ordering 25 copies of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for publicity purposes.

(d) From Miss Crichton, Superintendent of Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes, thanking for copy of BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, with report of Class visit.

(e) Letter from Miss E. L. Ashby, A.R.R.C., Matron, Marie Curie Hospital, expressing appreciation of the space given in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for the report of the visit of the Administration Class to the Marie Curie Hospital, and "feels sure it will be helpful to the Hospital," and ordering six more copies of the journal for publicity purposes.

SPECIAL MEETING IN OPPOSITION TO DIVISION OF PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

A large number of letters had been received in response to copies of the Report sent out of the Special Meeting held on March 20th to present reasons for opposition to dividing the Preliminary Examination of Nurses.

The Minister of Health, Sir George Newman, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Sir Frederick Menzies, Public Health Department, London County Council, Sir Arthur Robinson, Secretary, Ministry of Health, and Mr. W. H. Harper all expressed interest in the question.

Mrs. J. S. Courtauld, a lay member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, wrote: "I read with interest the report on page 94 in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. In a great many details I find the speeches were inaccurate and showed a great want of knowledge of the subject under discussion."

The three professional speakers at the meeting were Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., and Miss Isabel Macdonald, all experts of many years' standing on the statutory organisation of Nursing Education and State Registration of Nurses.

Several letters were read expressing the opinion that the meeting had had a very stimulating effect on the nurses present. Thanks were received from abroad for diplomas and Christmas cards.

Miss D. A. Turner, F.B.C.N., Nursing Superintendent, Rahmatpur Hospital, Palwal, India, expressed appreciation of Miss Cochrane's great kindness in arranging refresher courses for her and nursing facilities at Charing Cross Hospital. "I realise," she writes, "what a benefit it is to belong to the British College of Nurses, where I can be linked up with the nursing world in the homeland."

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

Applications for membership were approved, and candidates elected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Chairman presented a satisfactory statement of Annual Subscriptions received since the last Meeting of the Council.

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SCHEMES COMMITTEE.

Miss G. Le Geyt, Chairman of the Social Schemes Committee, presented the Report. It was agreed to hold an Annual Dinner. That the *raison d'être* of the Annual Dinner this year is to emphasise the value of various forms of Sport for Nurses, both in the maintenance of their health and also as enjoyable recreation. Of recent years the variety of sports organised by the Hospital Authorities for their nurses as recreation has proved very popular.

Arrangements concerning guests to be invited were considered and agreed, and it was decided that the

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