

The President reported that Nomination Papers of two Fellows and one Member for election to the Council had been received from:—Miss F. M. Campbell, Fellow, Matron, South Eastern Hospital, New Cross; and Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Fellow, Matron, Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone; and from Miss E. F. Eburah, Member, late Private Nurse.

As no other nominations in order for election to the Council had been received, there would be no election, and it remained for the Council to confirm the nominations.

The nominations of Miss F. M. Campbell and Miss E. L. Macaulay were unanimously approved to represent the Fellows, and the nomination of Miss E. F. Eburah was unanimously approved to represent Members.

The three new Members of the Council take office in July.

**TO CONSIDER A RISE OF SALARY OF £25 FOR THE SECRETARY, ACCORDING TO AGREEMENT, MAKING THE MAXIMUM OF £400.**

A rise of salary of £25 for Miss A. S. Bryson, the Secretary, was agreed, the President thanking her warmly for her valuable services during the past year, which had been most ungrudgingly rendered. In expressing thanks to the President and Council, Miss Bryson said she was privileged to be employed in the great work of the College, which was of ever increasing interest.

**LIST OF GIFTS.**

- Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C.—Concert Tickets.
- Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C.—Flowers.
- Miss A. A. Macwilliam.—Flowers.
- Mrs. M. O. Goad.—Flowers.
- Mrs. E. Wates.—Flowers.
- Miss A. S. Bryson.—Two Chinese lacquer stands.

*History Section.*

Miss P. Shekleton.—*Harper's Magazine*, containing article on "The Great Isabella," by Mildred Stapley. (She was the founder of the first Field Hospital, called "The Queen's Tent.") Print of Portrait of Edith Cavell. Postcards: "St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Rahere's Tomb protected against bombs." "Ruins of the Tuileries in the garden of a Riviera Villa." "Pasteur 1822," with Pasteur Centenary stamps. "The Four Napoleons."

Bought by the College—"Notes on Nursing," by Florence Nightingale, in Italian. Pewter Medal, Florence Nightingale. Pair of Shrimp Pots, with views of battles of Crimea War: (1) The Fall of Sebastopol, 1855; (2) Charge of the "Scotch" Greys at Balaklava.

**TO DECIDE DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.**

It was unanimously agreed that the next Meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, June 23rd.

The Meeting then terminated.

**FIXTURES.**

June 23rd.—Monthly Meeting of the Council, 2.15 p.m.

**The Annual Meeting.**

**JULY.**

July 10th.—Annual Meeting of Fellows and Members, Lecture Hall, British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W.1, 3 p.m.

**AGENDA.**

1. Prayers.
2. Minutes.
3. To receive the Annual Report.
4. To receive Financial Report from the Treasurer.
5. Appointment of Auditors.

After the Meeting there will be a Reception by the Council and Tea from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m., at which all Fellows and Members will be heartily welcome.

**MISS ALLBUTT'S "AT HOME."**

The College looked its best on Wednesday, May 23rd, at the Reception given by Miss M. G. Allbutt, F.B.C.N. (Member of the Council), when some 75 Fellows, Members and guests responded to her invitation, included among the guests being a party of International Students from 15, Manchester Square, whose year of study will soon terminate, much to their regret.

Among the beautiful flowers, many of which were a gift from Mrs. Wates, a Fellow of the College, deep purple and pale lavender lilac, blue irises and soft white beam foliage decorated the entrance hall. The Club-room, Council Chamber and other rooms were gay with pink roses, white narcissi, and blue hyacinths, intermixed with tender-stemmed pink dielytra, adorned the tea tables in the Secretary's Office, where a sumptuous tea was served.

The guests were received in the Council Chamber by their hostess, Miss Allbutt, who, with genial charm, made her guests at once at home.

After tea the guests in little companies passed on to see the Royal Mementoes displayed in the Board-room, explained to them by the President.

**THE ROYAL MEMENTOES.**

A selection from the Royal Mementoes on view aroused great interest, and were much admired. The majority of these gifts to the History Section cover the Victorian era, and many associate the Royal Family with Florence Nightingale and the Crimean War. Pictures of Queen Victoria at all ages—with and without the Prince Consort—needlework, pottery, and porcelain—and all sorts of charming items, made in that serene reign, not omitting a collection of lovely valentines. Staffordshire figures of Miss Nightingale, one with a highly elegant wounded officer, one carrying her historic lamp. The Royal Patriotic Jug, made in 1855, the wounded on one side, the weeping widows and orphans on the other. A rare collection of Rockingham figures, one the Duchess of Kent nursing in long clothes, inscribed with the Royal Crown, the infant Princess Victoria; a companion to it, Victoria, short-coated, being held aloft. Young Queen Victoria reading her first speech in the "Lords." The gift given by the Queen to her soldiers in the South African War, a beautiful red and blue box, with her portrait in gold, inscribed South Africa, 1900, with Royal Crown and initials, and in her own handwriting, "I wish you a happy New Year."—Victoria R. and I. *The box still containing the chocolate and packing intact.* Other treasures included beautiful woven portrait ribbons and programmes of royal functions—weddings, coronation portraits, papers and the Coronation chocolate box intact with portraits of King Edward the VII and Queen Alexandra. Lovely little bookmarkers, embroidered tiny pincushions, and a lovely series of English cathedrals in coloured glass fitted as penwipers and needle-cases. Delightful little royal books and numerous portraits of the Princess Charlotte of Wales. The nation weeping for her tragic death. The handsome daughters of Queen Victoria—sweet Princess Alice and lovely Louise, and many other quite unique treasures, amongst them ruby glass and gold salt cellars, with portraits of George III and his Queen Charlotte of thrifty fame. A succession of visitors just loved the royal display, which have now been returned to their tissue paper for the benefit of future generations.

Miss S. E. Cowe, F.B.C.N., has attractively furnished Ye Olde House, Elham, Nr. Canterbury, Kent, and will take paying guests or convalescent patients there.

Some parts of the house date from the 11th century, and the views over the Elham Valley are lovely and the air very good, both sea and country.

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