

## THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The eighty-ninth Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held on Saturday, June 23rd, 1934, at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, at 2.15 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and there were present:—Miss M. Breay, Vice-President; Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss G. Le Geyt, Miss I. Macdonald, Fellows; Miss H. G. Ballard, and Miss E. J. Haswell, Members.

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

Regrets for absence were received from Miss A. M. Bushby and Miss J. C. Cowie. Miss Cowie, in her letter, enclosed a further generous donation towards Miss Cochrane's expenses in Canada.

In connection with the Silver Jubilee of the Canadian Nurses' Association, the President reported that a very handsome illuminated Address had been inserted in the bound copy of the History of the International Council of Nurses sent by the Council to the Association.

The President also reported with regret the absence of the Secretary, Miss A. S. Bryson, owing to a badly sprained ankle, which was receiving skilled attention.

### BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Letter sent to Dr. Bedford Fenwick, conveying a message of pleasure from the Council at his recovery from a recent illness.

Letter received from Captain Cunningham-Reid, D.F.C., M.P., "With regard to the matter of the Contraceptives Bill, I have been in touch with those interested in this measure, and I am informed that they have decided to drop it for the present.

"At the same time I discussed with them the question of Clause 1, Sub Section (i), about which you recently wrote to me, and I obtained the assurance that the words to which you object would be deleted if the Bill should be re-introduced on some future occasion."

Letters received from:—

(a) Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., (b) Miss F. M. Campbell, (c) Miss E. Eburah, conveying thanks to the President and members of the Council for confirming their Nominations to the Council.

Prospectus received for Autumn Course of Lectures on Tropical Diseases to be given at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Endsleigh Gardens.

Copy of letter sent to Miss Nan Dorsey, giving, as requested, a list of names of those who would appreciate an invitation to the function of the Prize Giving of the International Students on July 5th.

Copy of letter sent to Miss Florence H. M. Emory, President, Canadian Nurses' Association, to accompany a

bound copy of the History of the International Council of Nurses (1899-1925).

### CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from Harriot, Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, enclosing an inscription to be placed in Vols. I and II of Lady Alicia Blackwood's "Sketches in Scutari, the Bosphorus and the Crimea, 1857," which she had most generously given to the History Section of the College.

Letters from Miss J. C. Cowie, F.B.C.N.,

(a) consenting, if her name is proposed, to witness Obligations of Scottish Fellows and Members. It was proposed and agreed that Miss Cowie be asked to act in this capacity.

(b) consenting to act as the Delegate of the College at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain, to be held in Edinburgh in October. It was proposed and agreed that Miss Cowie be thanked for her kind consent, and she was duly nominated as Delegate.

Letter from Miss M. L. Jacobs, M.B.C.N., Canada, saying that she was delighted to read in the Journal that Miss Cochrane was going to be present at the Silver Jubilee of the Canadian Nurses' Association in Toronto. She had not expected to attend herself, but as Miss Cochrane was going to be there she had revised her plans and intended to spend one day at least in Toronto. She also wrote: "I hope Miss Cochrane will have time to visit our little 'London the Less,' and if she has I would be so proud and happy to drive her down and entertain her."

Other Members in Canada wrote expressing the hope that they might meet Miss Cochrane in Canada.

Letter received from Miss A. G. Maclagan, M.B.C.N., from the Victoria Hospital, Damascus, in which she states:

"You may be interested to know that two months ago we had the Annual Conference of the Christian Medical Association of Syria and Palestine. The nurses' section was well represented, and we feel that at least some progress is being made in nursing education here.

"We hope next summer to have (as an experiment) a united examination for the nurses of all the hospitals belonging to the Association. On paper the British and American methods are not so widely different, but we wish to see whether this is so in practice, so that we may know where we must modify, alter or adapt our individual methods if we are to have a uniform scheme of training." Letter of congratulation to be sent.

Letters received from Miss W. P. Solomon, F.B.C.N., re an Amending Bill of the Local Government and other Officers' Superannuation Bill which has passed its First Reading, and asking for advice as to its meaning.

Correspondence reported.

Correspondence with Sir Henry Jackson, M.P., promoter of the Bill, showing that there is little chance of the Bill coming up this Session.



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