

Miss Allbutt stated that the Bill did not affect nurses very much, but dealt chiefly with interchangeability between civil servants and County Council Officers.

Letter from Miss Jessie Holmes enclosing three books for the History Section: "The Noble Women of the Atrium Windows in the Lady Chapel of the Liverpool Cathedral," "Our King and Queen," and "Travel in the First Century."

Letter from Miss M. C. Grobel, M.A., General Secretary, the National Council of Women of Great Britain, enclosing Nomination Papers. It was agreed that Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., be re-nominated.

Letters of thanks for Diplomas received from—Miss M. Treble, Miss M. K. Yeates, Miss E. A. Renaut, Miss J. D. McL. Smith, Miss F. A. Oke, Miss E. E. Monie, Mrs. M. C. Lediard.

Many letters of a private nature were received and considered. The President drew the attention of the Council to the extensive distress amongst members of the nursing profession which in some instances had been relieved by the provision of work, which was preferred to charity.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

Applications for Fellowship and Membership were approved and candidates elected.

DEATHS.

The President expressed deep regret that news had been received of the deaths of Mrs. Miriam Amelia Day, F.B.C.N., Matron and Superintendent Nurse, St. Edmund's Hospital, 137a, Wellingborough Road, Northampton, and Miss Rose Timms, F.B.C.N., Queen's Nurse.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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

REPORT OF HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Owing to recent illness Miss A. M. Bushby was in the country and unable to present a report. The Council desired that an expression of sympathy be conveyed to Miss Bushby.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported that there had been 17 visitors to the College, and that the History Section had received donations from Miss J. C. Cowie, £2 10s. and Miss I. Macdonald, £1 1s., which, with a balance in hand of £1 15s. 5d. made a total of £5 6s. 5d.

TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Report for presentation to the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, July 10th, drafted by the President and the Secretary was considered and approved.

TO RECEIVE LIST OF GIFTS.

Miss M. A. D. Mitchell: Beautiful Tea Cloth with elaborate crochet edge, and Princess Mary's Gift Book.

Miss M. M. Grenham: 5s. for Flowers.

Mrs. E. Wates: Fresh Flowers from her own garden.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick: "Memories of Jane A. Delano."

HISTORY SECTION.

Miss E. Dinnie: "Lalla Rookh," by Thomas Moore, 1828, and "Vicar of Wakefield" by Oliver Goldsmith.

Miss Jessie Holmes: "The Noble Women of the Atrium Windows in the Lady Chapel of the Liverpool Cathedral," by The Rev. William McNeill, B.A.; "Travel in the First Century," by C. A. J. Skeel; "Our King and Queen: The Story of their Lives," by David Williamson.

Miss I. Macdonald: £1 1s.

Miss J. C. Cowie: £2 10s.; "Acupressure," by J. Y. Simpson.

TO DECIDE DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was unanimously agreed that the next Meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, July 21st.

VOTE OF THANKS TO MISS D. K. GRAHAM, MISS G. LE GEYT AND MISS E. J. HASWELL FOR VALUABLE SERVICES RENDERED DURING THEIR THREE YEARS TERM OF OFFICE.

The President on rising to propose a vote of thanks expressed great regret that the Council must lose three of its old and valued friends, Miss D. K. Graham, Miss G. Le Geyt and Miss E. J. Haswell who retired in rotation. The Council would wish to offer them thanks, for their most valuable services during their three years' term of office.

The President added that the Council was also unfortunately losing the services of Miss I. Macdonald, who had been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Miss Bushby as Vice President, but as Miss Macdonald had not yet been a candidate for election she hoped she would be nominated at an early date.

Miss Haswell, in responding, said she would like to thank the members of the Council very much for all the help she had received, and expressed the pleasure she had experienced in working with the Council. She hoped to retain all her sympathy with the College and would only be too glad to help when any services were required of her.

Miss Le Geyt, in responding to the vote of thanks, said she considered it had been a great privilege to work with the Council during the last three years, and to be associated with an independent, self-governing College which had shown how much it could do for the Nursing Profession. She felt that the quality of statesmanship, possessed in so high a degree by the President, was such a necessary one in order to protect the nurses' interests. This had been shown in a practical manner during the last three years.

Miss Macdonald thanked the President for her kind words and said that she felt it had been a great honour to be associated with the Council. She would always be pleased to be of any use to the College when there was work to be done.

The Meeting then terminated.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Fellows and Members are reminded that the Annual Meeting will be held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1., on Tuesday, July 10th, at 3 p.m. It is hoped there will be a large gathering. Tea and a Reception will follow at 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.

International friends who may be in London after the Inaugural Meeting of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation have received invitations.

FIXTURES.

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

A VALUABLE GIFT.

The following inscription has, by request, been sent by Hariot, Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, for insertion in her valuable gift:—

These reproductions of drawings by Lady Alicia Blackwood and dedicated by her to Miss Nightingale are presented to the British College of Nurses by Hariot Dufferin and Ava, May, 1934.

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