

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

The Eighth Annual General Meeting of Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W., on July 10th, 1934, at 3 p.m., but, owing to lack of space, the Annual Report will not appear until our next issue.

The President (Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, F.B.C.N.) was in the Chair in her Robes of Office, supported by Dr. Bedford Fenwick (Treasurer and Trustee). The following Councillors and ex-Councillors were present, their Robes giving dignity to the proceedings: Miss M. Breay and Miss A. M. Bushby (Vice-Presidents), Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss J. C. Cowie, Miss I. Macdonald, Miss G. Le Geyt, and Miss N. Farrant.

The President called upon the Secretary (Miss A. Stewart Bryson) to read the notice convening the meeting. This done and prayers having been read, the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Eighth Annual Report of the Council and the Audited Accounts, 1933-34.

The President then presented the Eighth Annual Report of the Council for 1933-1934, an exhaustive statement covering the activities of the College, touching on its educational, economic, political, social and international work.

Miss Isabel Macdonald, in proposing the Report be adopted, expressed her appreciation of the attention to detail in the very full and instructive document; and Miss Norah Farrant, in seconding its adoption, said, as an ex-Councillor, she realised what exhaustive work had been accomplished by the College for the advancement of Nursing and for the protection of the nurses' interests, and she expressed the gratitude of the members to the Council.

The Treasurer's Report.

Dr. Fenwick, on rising, said he had much pleasure in presenting the audited accounts for the past year, explained them, and moved the resolution, "That the audited accounts to June 30th be received and adopted and a printed copy entered on the Minutes."

Miss Beatrice Kent, seconding the adoption of the Report, expressed great admiration and thanks for the work Dr. Fenwick had so ungrudgingly given in his most skilful attention to the financial affairs of the College. The Report was adopted unanimously.

Appointment of Auditors.

The Treasurer moved that "Mr. H. Rendall Gothard be appointed Auditor for the College for the ensuing year."

This was seconded by Miss I. Macdonald and unanimously adopted.

Dr. Fenwick then moved:—

"That the most grateful thanks of the Annual Meeting of the British College of Nurses be and hereby are accorded to the President, Vice-Presidents, and the Council of the College for their strenuous and most successful work for the College, and also to Miss Alice Stewart Bryson (Secretary), Miss M. R. Angel, Miss B. A. Bowering and Miss M. E. Wells for the admirable way in which they have fulfilled their duties during the past year."

This Resolution was unanimously adopted.

The President expressed her desire to add a very special expression of thanks to Miss M. R. Angel, who had been on the staff for 19 years, for the very valuable and expert work she had done for THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING; she was an expert reader and corrector of proofs, and had been extremely generous in giving overtime.

Miss B. A. Bowering, on the staff for 17 years, had given

skilled help in extra typing in connection with the work of the National Council of Nurses' Appeal for the Florence Nightingale Foundation, which had brought in such a generous response from the nurses of Great Britain. A very special vote of thanks was well deserved for their keen interest in the uplift of Nursing.

The President, continuing, thought it would interest all those present to hear that Miss M. E. Wells, their skilled accountant for eight years, was shortly leaving, under very pleasant auspices, to be married. No doubt the Council would like to send her a message of good wishes.

This was carried unanimously.

Special Resolution.

TO MISS M. ADELAIDE NUTTING, OF THE UNITED STATES.

The President moved from the Chair that congratulations be sent from this Meeting to Miss M. Adelaide Nutting, Emeritus Professor of Nursing, Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, on her unanimous election as an Hon. President of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. So great a leader in the organisation of modern nursing education placed the whole profession of nursing at home and abroad under a deep debt of gratitude. Miss Nutting was revered throughout the whole Nursing World. We were all proud to have her honoured in connection with the Florence Nightingale Memorial, whose devoted pupil she had ever been.

The Resolution was agreed with acclamation.

Congratulations to the President on the Inauguration of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation:

Miss Isabel Macdonald proposed the following Resolution:—

"That the congratulations of the Annual Meeting of the British College of Nurses be offered to its President on the Inauguration of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, and thanks to her for proposing and inspiring an Educational Memorial to Florence Nightingale through the International Council of Nurses in 1912."

Miss Isabel Macdonald said that it gave her pleasure to propose this Resolution. She believed she was correct in stating that it was some seventeen years after the formation of the Florence Nightingale Committee of the International Council of Nurses before any really important steps were taken towards the materialisation of its object. After that lapse of time, Mrs. Fenwick was elected to the Chair. Then imagination was there, and inspiration and creation are the outcome of imagination, and they all knew the results of these. She could only say that she could not wish a better fate for this new organisation than the kind of destiny that had attended other organisations inspired by the President, the State Registration of Nurses and the International Council of Nurses.

Turning to the President, Miss Macdonald said: "Madam President, all success to your endeavours to found a Memorial which will indeed be a fitting and world-wide setting in which to enshrine, for later generations, the memory of one of the greatest of Englishwomen."

Miss N. Farrant said she would like to have the privilege of seconding this Resolution. Civilisation owed a tremendous debt to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick for her proposal for an educational international memorial to Miss Florence Nightingale. We were proud that our President had had the forcefulness to help to bring this scheme to fruition, and we certainly owed her the thanks expressed in the Resolution.

The Resolution was adopted with acclamation. The President expressed thanks and felt sure the Nightingale Foundation would result in increased world harmony and reverence for high standards of health. We must all unite to attain these ends.

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