

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

The applications for Membership were approved, and the candidates elected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory Financial Statement; £441 had been received in Annual Subscriptions since the last Meeting.

TO RECEIVE SHORT REPORT ON THE INAUGURATION OF THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

The President, in presenting a short Report, stated that the College had subscribed upwards of £100 to the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, and that the Nurses of Great Britain had approximately subscribed some £3,250, which enabled them to finance seven Scholarships for 1933-34 Session and two for the coming Session—evidence of the enthusiastic interest of the subscribers in the Foundation which it was hoped would continue.

The President was thanked for her initiative and work in connection with the scheme.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby, Chairman of the Committee, presented the following Report:—

"Since the last Council Meeting, I have received from Miss Elma Smith a folder of all kinds of interesting items of the International Congress held at Cologne 1912.

"A photograph of the shepherd's cottage at Wellow, where Miss Florence Nightingale performed her first nursing on the shepherd's dog. We are grateful for the photograph, as I know of no book or photograph of this cottage. It was taken by Miss Plant, the daughter of the present Vicar of Wellow.

"A photograph of Miss Nightingale, which was bought by the College."

A vote of thanks was accorded Miss Bushby, especially for the unique photograph of the shepherd's cottage at Wellow. The Report was adopted.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported that there had been 24 visitors to the College; that the History Section had received £1 1s. from Miss I. Macdonald. A portrait of Miss Florence Nightingale had been acquired costing 11s. 7½d., leaving a balance in hand of £5 14s. 5d.

ADMINISTRATION CLASSES.

The Council agreed that Administration Classes be continued at other institutions as well as Hospitals, and an interesting variety is being arranged for the Autumn and Spring Sessions, to begin in October.

The list of gifts will appear in our next issue.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed to hold the next Meeting of the Council on September 22nd. The Meeting then terminated.

GRANTS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES TO FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

The Council has decided that the following Grants should be allocated for the year 1934-35:—

Two Grants for Midwifery Training and Examination by Central Midwives' Board of £35 each.

Three Grants of £10 each towards Hospital Housekeeping Course.

Two Grants of £2 2s. each for Autumn Course of Lectures and Examination on Tropical Diseases, at the Tropical Diseases Hospital, Endsleigh Gardens, London, W.C.1.

It was agreed to recommend that this year, instead of awarding Health Visitors' Grants, arrangements be made for Courses of Training in Venereal Diseases.

Applications for Grants should be addressed to the Secretary, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

PUBLIC HEALTH**THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH.**

The fifteenth annual report of the Ministry of Health just issued, contains a complete account of the Ministry's activities during the year 1933-34, and sheds some very interesting light on the day-to-day working of a great Government Department. It can be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, price 6s. (Cmd. 4664).

The report is divided into six parts, public health, housing and town planning, local government and local finance, administration of the poor law, national health insurance and contributory pensions, and the Welsh Board of Health.

In view of recent events, the majority of readers will probably turn first to housing. This part of the report opens with a brief summary of present housing policy, which is directed to the increase of the supply of houses and the elimination of the slums and the proper rehousing of their inhabitants. A brief forecast is also given of the Government's plans for a direct attack on overcrowding.

During the twelve months ended 31st March, 1934, private enterprise built without subsidy 207,869 houses. This is a record figure.

Perhaps the most interesting section of the Ministry's report this year is that entitled "Special Survey of Public Health Services." Few members of the public realise the enormous change in the administration of public health services which was effected by the Local Government Act of 1929, or the potentialities for further development which are presented by that Act.

The Act has given Local Authorities their first opportunity of looking at the medical services provided in the district as a single whole, for it is only under this Act that the poor law and public health services have been concentrated in the hands of the same authority, while for the first time co-operation with the voluntary hospitals is made a statutory requirement.

Certainly no person who takes any active part in the local government of this country should fail to read the report.

THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION IN CONFERENCE.

The papers presented, and the discussions which ensued, at the Annual Conference of the British Medical Association at Bournemouth last month were full of interest, and we regret that owing to the great demands upon our space in this issue it is impossible to refer to them in detail. Wide publicity has been given to them in the daily press and we hope that these reports have been studied to their profit by our readers.

THE ANTI-NOISE CAMPAIGN.

We are glad to note the active support given to the Anti-Noise League by so eminent a physician as Lord Horder. Both the general and the sick public are likely to benefit by this. We note that the "noisy nurse" and nursing homes come under his criticism. Speaking at the Conference of the Anti-Noise League at Oxford recently, he said that the other day he saw a nurse draw down a blind at a nursing home. "Zz-zz came the blind. She had done it like that for years. There was a great deal to be done not only outside but inside nursing homes in regard to noise." Those whose sense of hearing is acute, and know the agony which can be caused by unnecessary noises will be proportionately grateful to Lord Horder. All nurses should acquaint themselves with the work of the Anti-Noise League, 18, Old Cavendish Street, London, W.1.

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