

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

The ninety-second Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held on Saturday, October 20th, 1934, at 39, Portland Place, London, W., at 2.15 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and there were present: Miss Isabel Macdonald, Vice-President, Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Fellows; Miss H. G. Ballard and Miss E. F. Eburah, Members.

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

Regrets for absence were received from Miss M. Breay, Vice-President, Miss J. C. Cowie and Miss F. M. Campbell.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Letter from Miss G. E. Davies, Registrar, General Nursing Council for England and Wales, acknowledging, during the Chairman's absence, Resolution sent from the Council requesting the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to publish in the general Press the names of successful candidates in the Final State Examinations as is the custom of other Statutory and Professional Bodies.

A letter, in reply to enquiries from the Council, from Mr. H. F. Dounin, Under-Secretary of State, enclosing, by the direction of Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, Colonial Secretary of State, a list of Hospital Training Schools for Nurses registered in Palestine, 1934. It was agreed that a copy of the list of Hospital Training Schools be sent to Miss Byrne, with the following information, *i.e.*, copies of the Constitutions (i) of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and (ii) of the International Council of Nurses.

Letter from Dr. Bedford Fenwick, Treasurer, enclosing Benevolent Grant of £5 to be awarded to a member in need.

Letter from the member expressing "deep gratitude to the Council for the temporary and unexpected relief which this grant will mean to me."

Letter of thanks from Miss D. K. Graham to the Council for its message of appreciation for her care of the President during her serious illness.

Letter from Miss Baines expressing appreciation that the British College of Nurses has unanimously agreed to nominate Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., Matron, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, for election as Vice-President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Further letter and cuttings from Miss D. Warren *re* the conditions and administration at the Barbados General Hospital.

A letter from Miss Grace Fairley, M.B.C.N., Director of Nursing, The Vancouver General Hospital School of Nursing, Vancouver, stating that she is giving a card of introduction to Miss Elizabeth Smith, who is leaving shortly to take the Course at Bedford College. She is a graduate of the Vancouver General Hospital, and received the Scholarship award for the coming year. In conclusion she states "we all enjoyed Miss Cochrane's contribution to our Convention Programme at Toronto."

Letter from Miss Cornelia L. Stratton, F.B.C.N., Superintendent Nurse, Norwich Infirmary, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich, asking for advice on a matter of professional interest and enclosing correspondence.

It was agreed to give advice.

Letter from Miss Monica C. Grobel, M.A., General Secretary, The National Council of Women of Great Britain, sending copy of Resolutions as passed at the Edinburgh Conference, and stating that if any action is desired, before they are sent to the Governments, it will be necessary to notify her before Saturday, October 20th.

A large number of letters were considered.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

The applications for membership were approved.

RESIGNATIONS.

No resignations were received.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Chairman presented a satisfactory Financial Statement. £79 17s. 3d. had been received in Annual Subscriptions since the last Meeting of the Council.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby reported that there had been no special gifts to the History of Nursing Section this month, and that she had resumed compiling the catalogue.

The President thanked Miss Bushby for her valuable work in this connection, and the Report was adopted.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported that a donation of £1 had been received for the History Section from Miss Ballard, with the balance of £3 13s. 11d., making a total of £4 13s. 11d. in hand.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Royal Patriotic Jug, Crimea, 1855.

Sunderland Lustre Crimean Jug, French and British Flags in colour, painted on one side, "Inscribed 'may we ever be united.'" Sunderland bridge over River Wear on other side.

Commemoration Mug, Queen Victoria's Jubilee, 1887. Chronology of the Sovereigns of England from William I, 1087, to His Royal Highness George Prince Regent, in embossed copper case.

Plate with picture of view of Coronation of King William IV.

A pair of plates with beautifully coloured portraits of King George V. and Queen Mary, on their Coronation, dated 1911.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick—Crimean Group (Rockingham), Turkey, England and France.

HISTORY SECTION.

Miss Shekleton—Book: Queen Alexandra's Christmas Gift Book, and pictures of the British Royal Family and the Russian Imperial Family, from illustrated papers.

BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING—Books: "Nurse Cavell; Dog Lover," by Rowland Johns. "Condemned to Death," by Louise Thuilliez.

ISLA STEWART LIBRARY.

Miss Jessie Holmes—Book: "There's Rosemary," by H.H. Princess Montesquiou Montluc Siena.

LENDING LIBRARY.

Miss M. Breay—Books: "Psychology of Study," by C. A. Mace, M.A., "The Energies of Man," by W. McDougall, M.B., F.R.S.

Miss A. S. Bryson—Book: "Social Psychology," by W. McDougall, M.B., F.R.S.

Miss Eburah—Book: "Ruddock's Homœopathic Vade Mecum" (Medical and Surgical).

Miss A. A. Macwilliam—Flowers.

Miss A. M. Davis—Flowers.

Mrs. Wates—Flowers.

Miss Jessie Holmes—Book: "If I were a Labour Leader," by Ernest J. P. Benn.

Miss H. Bryson—"The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street."

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, November 17th.

OTHER BUSINESS.

It was proposed by the President from the Chair, and unanimously carried, that the monthly meetings of the Council be held, in future, at 2.30 instead of 2.15 p.m.

The Meeting then terminated.

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