

likely that this will proceed any further this Session as the House is fully occupied. It would, therefore, mean that if a Bill comes before Parliament, it must be a new one. Should a new Bill be drafted the Institute will give it careful consideration and will note the point raised in your letter.

Yours truly,
(Signed) MERCY WILMSHURST,
General Superintendent.

RULES RE LOSS OF BADGES.

Letter from Miss Woodall, enclosing two letters from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, in which it refuses to issue duplicate badges to State Registered Nurses, and asking if the Council of the British College of Nurses approve of the Resolution of 23rd October, 1931, also when a new rule or alteration is made, is notice given in any way to State Registered Nurses? Miss Woodall has lost three badges.

It was agreed that Miss Woodall be informed that the General Nursing Council is justified in its regulations on this subject. As a result of the losses, unprofessional persons may be wearing badges issued to her. Also that new rules and alterations are usually published in the Nursing Press.

A letter from a Member saying she sent her arrears (four years), and hoping she may still be a Member of the College. This was agreed.

Letter from Miss Hersée, sending an interesting account of conditions of nursing in France, and asking if there is a possibility of a trained Medical Swedish Masseuse obtaining a post, as Masseuse, in any Hospital in England.

Replied that it would not be advisable for foreign Masseuse to come to England, as the profession is already overstocked.

Letters from Miss Dinnie, asking if a College representative could be sent down to her residence to select the books she would like the College to have. It was agreed to send a letter of warm thanks to Miss Dinnie for her very generous gift of books selected.

A number of private communications were dealt with. It was with regret that the Council realise that so many Nurses outside institutions are in straitened circumstances.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

The applications for membership were approved, and all the candidates elected. No resignations were received.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President reported a satisfactory Financial Statement, £59 17s. had been received in annual subscriptions since the last Meeting of the Council.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby, Chairman of the History Section, reported:—

Since the last Meeting of the Council I have received from Miss M. S. Cochrane "The Face of London. The Record of a Century's Changes and Development," by Harold P. Clunn."

"Heroines of our Time," sketches of the lives of eminent women with examples of their benevolent works, fruitful lives and noble views. Given by Miss Bushby.

"Memoirs of the Rt. Honble. Sir John McNeill, G.C.B., and of his second wife, Elizabeth Wilson," by their granddaughter, with portraits and illustrations. Given by Miss Bushby.

Letter, Miss Florence Nightingale, written August 19th, 1880, from 10, South Street, Park Lane (2 sheets). This was bought with money already reported to the Council. Miss Macdonald, Miss Villiers, and Anon. £1 given to Miss Bushby on Opening Winter Session, and the rest made up by herself.

Packet of interesting papers and booklets given by Miss Elma Smith. "Memorial Service to Nurses who have

fallen in the War, St. Paul's Cathedral, April 10th, 1918." "St. Paul's Cathedral Memorial Service for the late Miss Edith Cavell, Friday, 29th October, 1915, at 12 noon." "St. Paul's Cathedral Memorial Service for the late Miss Florence Nightingale, O.M., Saturday, 26th August, 1910, at 12 noon." Being the day of the funeral. "The Overstrain of Nurses, The International Council of Nurses, Cologne 1912."

Coloured view of Hackney, engraved for Harrison's History of London.

Bethlehem Hospital, small coloured print.

Both given by herself.

Miss Bushby was thanked for her generous gifts, and it was suggested that a day be devoted in the New Year for students to see the interesting educational items collected in the History Section.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Miss M. G. Allbutt, for History Section and Flowers, 11s. Miss Macwilliam, flowers; Mrs. Bull, flowers; Mrs. Wates; flowers; Miss Macaulay, flowers; Miss I. Macdonald, £2 2s.; also "Medical Electricity," by Brown, 12s 6d.; "Essentials of Medical Electricity," by Cumberbatch, 10s. 6d.; "Short History of St. Bartholomew's Hospital," by Sir D'Arcy Power (1123-1923), 17s. 6d.; Presentation copy; Miss Campbell, £1 for flowers; Miss Campbell, £1 for History Section, THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, "Anæsthesia in Labour," by K. G. Lloyd-Williams; "The Life of an Education Worker," by Ruth Young; "The Treatment of Common Female Ailments," by F. J. McCann; "The Healthy Infant," by E. R. C. Walker; "Our Bit," by a Canadian Nursing Sister; "Materia Medica for Nurses," by Lois Oakes, S.R.N., D.N.; "Teaching in Schools of Nursing," by Alice M. Jackson and Katherine F. Armstrong; "Hospital Administration for Women," by Emily MacManus; "Diet in the Modern Hospital," by Juliet de Key Whitsed; "Health-giving Dishes," by Bertha Brupbacher-Birchner.

REGISTRATION DAY.

Arrangements for Registration Day to be held on December 15th were agreed. Miss I. Macdonald kindly consented to give an address on "A Florence Nightingale of the Commonwealth."

DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, December 15th, at 2.30 p.m.

The meeting then terminated.

FIXTURES.

December 15th.—Monthly Meeting of the Council. 2.30 p.m. Following the meeting, Celebration of Registration Day. 4.30 p.m., Ceremony of Cutting the Registration Cake. Miss Isabel Macdonald Vice-President, will deliver an address on "A Florence Nightingale of the Commonwealth." Those who wish to be present are requested to apply as soon as possible for a card of admission to the Secretary, the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W.1.

CHRISTMAS COMFORTS FOR PENSIONER PATIENTS.

The Order of St. John and the British Red Cross Society have arranged, through the Ministry of Pensions, as in previous years, to provide additional comforts, such as Cigarettes, Tobacco, etc., for the men actually in Ministry Hospitals on Christmas Day. There are, however, Ex-Service Pensioners, who will be patients in other hospitals as a result of their War disabilities, and the Joint Council of the two bodies is endeavouring to get in touch with these hospitals, so that no eligible cases in hospital on Christmas Day may fail to receive the same gifts as those in Pensions Hospitals.

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