

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The Eighty-fifth Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held on Saturday, February 17th, at 39, Portland Place, W.1, at 2.15 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and there were present: Miss A. M. Bushby, Vice-President; Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss J. C. Cowie, Miss G. Le Geyt, Miss I. Macdonald, Fellows; and Miss E. J. Haswell, Member.

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

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Letters of thanks for sympathy from (a) the Rev. H. G. Pearse, Stoke-under-Ham, Somerset, and (b) Miss S. A. Villiers *re* the death of Miss Helen Pearse.

Copy of new Statutory Rules for the revised Syllabus of Subjects for Examination which have been approved by the Minister of Health, with covering letter received from the Registrar, General Nursing Council for England and Wales, stating that "The revision consists more of a rearrangement of the Syllabuses than of the introduction of any new matter. The Syllabus for the examination for the certificate of Mental Defective Nursing has been separated from the syllabus for the certificate for Mental Nursing."

CORRESPONDENCE.

Regrets for absence were received from Miss M. Breay and Miss H. G. Ballard; it was unanimously agreed that a letter be sent to Miss Ballard expressing sympathy with her in her anxiety caused by the serious illness of her father.

ADMINISTRATION CLASSES.

(a) Letters from (1) Miss Crichton, Restaurant Superintendent, Headquarters, N.A.A.F.I., and (2) Miss E. L. Ashby, Matron, Marie Curie Hospital, that they will be pleased to receive the Administration Class of the College on Thursday, February 22nd, at 2.30 p.m., and on Tuesday, March 13th, at 2 p.m., respectively.

(b) Applications to attend Classes have been received from: Miss N. Dunkley, M.B.C.N., Matron, Isolation Hospital, Great Yarmouth.

Miss W. P. Solomon, F.B.C.N., Matron, Colindale Hospital, Hendon.

Miss F. M. Campbell, F.B.C.N., Matron, South Eastern Hospital, New Cross (for 2nd Class only).

Miss I. Tulloch, F.B.C.N., Matron, Plaistow Hospital.

Miss I. G. Stevens, F.B.C.N., Sister, Royal Naval and Marine Maternity Home, Gillingham, Kent.

Miss D. R. Bignell, M.B.C.N., Sister Tutor, Gap Road Hospital, Wimbledon.

Miss M. Chitson, F.B.C.N., S. Woodford.

Letters from (a) Miss G. M. Saddler, M.B.C.N., notifying that she began her training at the Maternity Nursing Association, 63, Myddelton Square, on January 26th.

Medical certificate received from Dr. Robert Bryson Kennedy concerning the condition of a Fellow's health, *re* her request for financial help.

It was agreed to recommend that a Grant of £10 be sent to a Fellow ill in the United States.

Letter from Miss M. E. Greenshields, F.B.C.N., Matron, Alexandra Hospital, Woodhall Spa, stating that since the very recent death of one of her Committee she has received news from the lawyer that she has left her £200. She sends Report of the Hospital, and if any Nurses need Spa treatment they will be glad to have them.

It was agreed that warm congratulations be sent to Miss Greenshields.

Letter of great interest from Miss E. Riley, F.B.C.N., Victoria Hospital, Hong Kong, sending snapshots, and

describing their surroundings and the progress of the Hospital work.

Letter from Miss M. I. Hall, M.B.C.N., that she has obtained a post as Assistant Matron and Sister Tutor at Monkwearmouth and Southwick General Hospital, Sunderland.

A letter of congratulation to be sent.

Letter from Raphael Tuck and Sons, Ltd., sending Royal Christmas Cards for some years past for History Section, as a gift.

It was agreed that thanks from the Council be conveyed to Raphael Tuck and Sons, Ltd., for beautiful and generous gift.

Letter from Miss I. M. Stainton, M.B.C.N., sending collection of the series from *The Daily Mail* of "The Life Story of Florence Nightingale."

Letters of thanks for Christmas Cards from:—Miss F. Burchell, M.B.C.N., North Adelaide, Australia; Captain Layton, M.B.C.N., Ting Hsien, China; Miss H. L. Waldron, M.B.C.N., Johannesburg, South Africa; Miss S. M. Round, F.B.C.N., Panvel, India.

In acknowledging receipt of badge of the British College of Nurses, Miss M. I. Walker, Chief of Division of Study for Graduate Nurses, Institute of Public Health, University of Western Ontario, writes: "I received my Membership badge of the College on Saturday last which afforded me the pleasure of wearing it at our District Annual Meeting of the R.N.A.O. We were the guests of the Ontario Hospital, London."

Letter from Miss M. E. L. Matthews, F.B.C.N., and of warm thanks for Christmas Card and regular receipt of BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and also sending the Adelaide Christmas Chronicle to the President.

Letter from Miss A. Thomas Bland asking what are the requirements of American Nurses wishing to register in England and at which hospitals in London and Liverpool is post-graduate work available.

It was agreed to send information.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

All applications received were approved and the candidates elected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory Financial Statement; £78 2s. 5d. 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 of Nursing Section, reported:—

Since the last Meeting of the Council, I have bought and received:—

1. Testimonial written on three sides of a sheet of paper by Miss Florence Nightingale for a German governess, March 6th but no year, written from Burlington Street. This was bought with the £2 2s. given by Miss Allbutt, 5s. Miss Black, and the rest made up by myself.

2. Picture of Miss Florence Nightingale, print dated 1855, which we had not got.

3. "Life of Henry Edward Manning" by Shane Leslie. This book contains one chapter on Florence Nightingale.

4. Letters and recollections of Julius and Mary Mohl. Great friends of Miss Nightingale.

The President thanked Miss Bushby, stating that the Council realised the great work entailed in compiling a catalogue in connection with the History Section, and expressed gratitude to her on their behalf.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported that since the last Meeting of the Council there had been 26 visitors to the College.

Donations had been received for the History Section from

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