

for England and Wales, held on February 23rd, a letter was discussed in Council, presented by the Registration Committee in reply to a communication from the General Nursing Council for Scotland, on their decision to split the Preliminary Examination, which was amended on the recommendation of Dr. Eason. That as the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING she was unable to supply the public with a report of the decisions of the G.N.C. on this matter of vital importance to Registered Nurses owing to the fact that the letter under discussion was not supplied to the Press who were present at the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed to send the following Resolution to the Chairman of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales:—

“That in the opinion of the Council of the British College of Nurses documents under discussion by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales (when not *in camera*) should be supplied to the members of the Press present at the Meeting, so that a correct report of the business transacted may be available.”

#### TO RECEIVE LIST OF GIFTS.

Miss E. J. Haswell.—10s. for flowers.  
 Miss I. Macdonald.—5s. for flowers, 5s. for Sympathy Fund, 10s. for expenses in connection with Special Meeting.  
 Miss J. S. Crombie.—5s. for flowers.  
 Mrs. M. O. Goad.—Snowdrops.  
 Miss M. Moon.—Flowers.  
 BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.—Books: “Handbook of Midwifery for C.M.B. Students,” by W. O. Greenwood, M.D., B.S. (Lond.), F.R.S.E.; “Mental Hygiene in the Community” by Clara Bassett.

#### HISTORY SECTION.

Mrs. E. Wates.—Illustrated Belgian and French newspapers concerning the death of King Albert: “Le Soir Illustré,” “La Dernière Heure,” and “Paris-Soir.”  
 Miss A. S. Bryson.—Book: “Florence Nightingale, Frances Ridley Havergal, Catherine Marsh, Mrs. Ranyard,” (World’s Workers Series) by L. Alldridge.  
 The Mayor of Walsall (S. E. Edge, Esq.).—(1) Photograph of Souvenirs of Sister Dora, comprising: (a) the Silver Presentation Key of Walsall Hospital, (b) the Cross and Chain Sister Dora always wore in her girdle, (c) her key label, (d) her medal, (e) an enlargement of a Daguerrotype of Sister Dora as a young woman. (2) A list of the books, pamphlets, etc., relating to Sister Dora, kept at the Walsall Free Library. (3) Copy of “Early character sketch of Sister Dora from her handwriting made by a Mr. Ellison.” (4) (a) The following in relation to the Celebration of the Centenary of the Birth of Sister Dora, Sunday 17th January, 1932; (b) Order of Service at St. Paul’s Church, Walsall; (c) Newspaper cuttings from the *Walsall Observer* of January 16th and 23rd, 1932; newspaper cuttings from the *Walsall Times* of January 16th and 23rd, 1932. (5) Copy inscription on two bronze Tablets in the Entrance Hall to Walsall General Hospital. (6) Extracts from Willmore’s “History of Walsall” relating to Sister Dora. (7) Two copies of a Report of Walsall General Hospital, with photograph of Sister Dora on front page. (8) Two copies of a Handbook to Walsall, with photograph of Sister Dora on page 109. (9) Three copies of a booklet containing photograph of Sister Dora’s Statue, The Bridge. (10) Copy letter received by the Mayoress of Walsall (Mrs. R. B. Sutton) from Lady de Sausmarez, Sister Dora’s niece, dated February 22nd, 1932. (11) Extract from Walsall Town Council Minutes of October 9th and 23rd, relating to Souvenirs of Sister Dora presented to the town by Mrs. Newton-Robinson, a niece of Sister Dora. (12) Copy letter from the Mayor of Walsall to Miss Stewart-Bryson, dated January 27th, 1931.

#### TO DECIDE DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, April 21st, at 2.15 p.m.

#### OTHER BUSINESS.

##### THANKS TO LORD MOYNIHAN.

It was proposed by Miss Allbutt, seconded by Miss Macdonald and carried that a vote of thanks be sent to Lord Moynihan for signing the very able Memorandum from Leeds to the General Nursing Council on the Preliminary Education of Nurses.

##### THE CONTRACEPTIVES BILL.

*Re* the Contraceptives Bill: “To regulate the sale and advertisement of contraceptives,” introduced into the House of Lords by Lord Dawson of Penn, the President explained the objects of the Bill, the principles of which she felt sure the Council would approve, and reported an excellent Memorandum compiled by Miss Breay, drawing attention to Clause 1, Sub-section (i) in which Medical Practitioners, Registered Nurses and Midwives are empowered to sell contraceptives. It was unanimously agreed that the following Resolution be sent to:—Lord Dawson of Penn, The General Nursing Council for England and Wales, the General Medical Council, the British Medical Association, the Central Midwives Board, the Society of Medical Officers of Health, the Ministry of Health, the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, the Midwives’ Institute, the Bishop of London, Sir Francis Fremantle, M.P., Dr. Somerville Hastings, London County Council, and to Captain Cunningham Reid, M.P. for St. Marylebone.

##### Resolution.

“The Council of the British College of Nurses begs to thank Lord Dawson of Penn for introducing a Bill into the House of Lords, ‘To regulate the sale and advertisement of contraceptives.’

“The Council, whilst approving the objects of the Bill, begs to express the opinion that under Clause 1, Sub-section (i) the words ‘registered nurse or certified midwife’ should be omitted, as their inclusion provides for the treatment of patients by registered nurses and midwives without medical direction.”

##### THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

The President drew the attention of the Council to the new Committee appointed by the London County Council, the Hospitals and Medical Services Committee, pointing out that out of 23 persons appointed on this Committee there was not the name of one Registered Nurse, although there were thousands of nurses employed by the London County Council over whom this Committee will presumably have direction.

On considering the matter the Council deplored the attitude of mind still prevailing, which deprived nurses of professional recognition on Public Bodies, and as there was still one vacancy it was proposed, seconded and unanimously carried that the following Resolution be sent to the Chairman of the Hospitals and Medical Services Committee:

##### Resolution.

“At a Meeting of the Council of this College held on Saturday, March 17th, it was agreed to recommend that the new Committee appointed by the London County Council, the Hospitals and Medical Services Committee, be invited to fill the vacancy on their Committee by the appointment of a Registered Nurse, as out of the 23 persons appointed, the name of no Registered Nurse is included.

“My Council realises that the Hospitals and Medical Services Committee will presumably have to deal with education, conditions of service and control of thousands of nurses in hospitals under the authority of the London County Council, and that it is only just that expert nursing opinion should be available on the Committee.”

The Meeting then terminated.

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