

value. Miss Bushby's indefatigable work in connection with the History Section was well known. She asked Miss Bushby to accept a sheaf of lovely carnations as a mark of gratitude. She also welcomed Miss Le Geyt and presented her with a posy of roses.

#### Proposed Alteration in the Constitution.

##### RESOLUTION.

Miss Bickerton proposed and Miss Brownsdon seconded the following Resolution, which was carried unanimously:

"That after one year's retirement ex-members of the Council shall be eligible for re-election to the Council."

It was agreed that this would be an excellent arrangement. It was a pity to lose permanently the services of those who had proved exceptionally valuable members of the Council, and it would help to keep up the continuity of work.

##### Vote of Thanks.

Miss Isabel Macdonald, in proposing a vote of thanks to the chair, spoke of the President as always giving. Hers had been the impulse of more than one great movement in the Nursing Profession. She was indeed the embodiment of progress. This was seconded by Miss Farrant and carried with much acclamation.

In returning thanks, Mrs. Fenwick emphasised the duty of the present generation of nurses to maintain the standards which had been won for them, and urged upon those present to keep the soul of the Nursing Profession alive, and their independence of thought and action.

The meeting then terminated, and, as those present passed on to the Reception which followed, many were heard to comment on the interest and vivacity which had characterised it, and the high level of the speeches.

##### THE RECEPTION.

The Reception held by the President and Council which followed the meeting, and was attended by Fellows, Members and friends of the College from many parts of the country, was particularly interesting this year owing to the presence of distinguished foreign guests in London on the business of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

The floral decorations were lovely, their arrangement being the handiwork of the clerical staff. In the entrance hall were pink and blue delphiniums with beech leaves, ferns, and hydrangea; in the office, where tea was served scabious, delphiniums and roses; in the Council Chamber, gladioli, lilies, delphiniums and roses held pride of place; in the Club Room delphiniums and scabious were in lovely contrast with its eggshell blue walls. Roses and other beautiful flowers had been sent by Mrs. Wates and Miss Eburah, and roses formed the chief decoration of the Bedford Fenwick Halls.

It was a great pleasure to the Council to welcome Dean Goodrich, Emeritus Professor of Yale University, and Dame Maria Gordon, so much in sympathy with trained nurses and their educational aspirations, on which an interchange of views was evidently taking place. Then Miss Lawler, of Johns Hopkins, Miss Susan Francis, President of the American Nurses' Association, Dean Effie Taylor, of Yale, Mrs. Watts from India, Miss Bergljot Larsson, of Norway, and others helped to make the 1935 Annual Meeting memorable in the annals of the College.

As usual the ices, iced coffee, strawberries and cream, and tea and cakes were greatly approved.

Fellows and Members were proud to show their College, and its beautiful possessions to their guests, who on their part were greatly impressed with the many beautiful treasures which the College is steadily acquiring.

## THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The one hundredth meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held on Saturday, June 22nd, 1935, at 39, Portland Place, London, W., at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, was in the Chair, and there were present Miss I. 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, the Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.

Miss M. Breay, Miss J. C. Cowie and Miss F. M. Campbell intimated inability to attend.

### BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

The President reported that this year the retiring Councillors would be Miss A. M. Bushby and Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C.

That as no nominations for election to the Council had been received, there was no Election.

It was proposed by Miss M. S. Cochrane, seconded by Miss M. G. Allbutt, and carried unanimously, that Miss S. H. Vian, F.B.C.N., and Miss G. Le Geyt, F.B.C.N., who had signified their willingness to serve, be appointed members of the Council.

A letter from the sister of a Member concerning her request for help for her sister in a serious illness. It was agreed that the Treasurer be asked if a benevolent grant could be made to this Member.

Letters were received from:

(a) A Fellow, expressing her willingness and pleasure to have the opportunity of befriending a foreign lady while training in England.

(b) From the lady above mentioned expressing appreciation of the kindness extended to her.

A letter from Miss Ruth Colles regretting that the Council, as such, had decided to take no part in the National effort to secure Peace by co-operation and tendering her resignation, which she did with real regret.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Miss Colles, that the Council accepted her resignation with regret.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter of thanks for congratulations from Miss A. Livingstone Charteris (Matron, County Hospital, Bedford), upon the honour of M.B.E. conferred upon her in the Birthday Honours List.

A letter from Miss E. Downs (Matron, Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, and Hon. Secretary, County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association), requesting that its executive committee might hold its meeting at the British College of Nurses, on Saturday, June 29th, at 3 p.m. This was approved.

A letter from Miss Janet Binnie, M.B.C.N., notifying that she has passed the Central Midwives Board Examination. It was agreed to send her the congratulations of the Council.

A letter from a member asking if help could be granted to her to meet the expenses of an operation.

It was agreed to ask the Treasurer if a benevolent grant might be made to this Member.

A letter from Miss Jessie Donald (Hon. Secretary, National Council of Women, Parliamentary and Legislation Committee), asking for the name and address of the College representative for 1935-1936 to be sent in before July 15th at latest. It was proposed by Miss I. Macdonald and seconded by Miss E. L. Macaulay that Miss M. S. Cochrane be re-elected as the College representative.

A Preliminary List of Resolutions of the National Council of Women of Great Britain was considered. It was agreed

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