

whatever their school of thought or colour of politics. But if the question is not taken up within the Council, then the public conscience needs rousing on the subject.

Yours, etc.,

ETHEL G. FENWICK.

39, Portland Place, W.1.
October 15th.

The President reported that she had received a large number of letters, not only from the public but from a number of Matrons and Nurses under the authority of the London County Council, all expressing approval and thanks.

The Council approved the President's action, who expressed the opinion that had the Matrons been consulted concerning the re-arrangement of hours before the Rules were issued the difficulties might have been avoided—and further drew the attention of those present to the fact that although the London County Council employs thousands of Nurses—there is not one Registered Nurse on the "Hospitals and Medical Services Committee" which governs them. This proved Socialist intolerance in its worst form.

It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to the Editor of the *Daily Telegraph*, and to emphasise the demand that (1) "No ward should be left in charge of one nurse, even for a quarter of an hour, as critical emergencies may arise injurious to the patients, with which it is impossible for one nurse to deal" and (2) "That the leave granted on Sunday should be sufficient, and so timed as to enable members of the Nursing Staff to attend Divine Service at congenial places of worship."

A very large number of letters asking advice, and reporting matters of interest were considered.

Letter from Captain Altham, C.B., R.N., Secretary of the Royal United Services Institution, Whitehall, S.W.1, notifying that a Crimean Exhibition is being organised, to be held in the Banqueting House, and asking for the loan of Florence Nightingale relics. The matter was being arranged by Miss Bushby.

Letter from Miss Dorothy Dickinson stating that she will have much pleasure in accepting the invitation to act as a Delegate of the College on the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President reported a satisfactory Financial Statement for the Month.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby, who had been invited to attend, presented the following Report:—

I have received since the last Meeting of the Council a very good copy of "Scutari and its Hospitals," by the Hon. and Rev. Sydney Godolphin Osborne. We have this book in our collection, but this is a splendid copy; it was given to me, and I have much pleasure in presenting it to the College.

The *Illustrated Times*, October 19th, 1861. With letters from Miss Nightingale on the Volunteer movement, which I am giving to the College.

Miss Black has given 5s. towards the Florence Nightingale Statue.

A representative came to the College from the "Royal United Service Institution," Whitehall, S.W.1, to see the Florence Nightingale Relics and asked permission to have these items on loan.

1. Framed coloured print of interior of Hospital at Scutari.

2. Photograph of Florence Nightingale, stamp of a Bournemouth, photographer on back.

3. Letter regarding publication of her reminiscences.

4. Warrant appointing a nurse to serve.

Miss Bushby was thanked for her generosity and her interesting Report, which was adopted.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported that since the last Meeting of the Council there had been 23 visitors to the College, and that in the History Section no purchase had been made.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Miss A. M. Bushby—Queen Alexandra's Christmas Gift Book (photographs from my camera).

Miss A. M. Bushby—King Albert's Gift Book.

Miss A. S. Bryson—"Country Life," giving illustrations of the grounds of Embley Park.

Captain Redway—Cutting entitled "Who is Mrs. Nightingale?" for Nightingale Scrap Book.

Miss A. A. Macwilliam—Flowers.

BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING—"A Short Encyclopædia for Nurses," by Evelyn C. Pearce, S.R.N.

BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING—"General Nursing Questions and Answers," by Doris Tayler, S.R.N., S.C.M.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was unanimously agreed that the next Meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, November 23rd, at 2.30 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS.

It was decided that Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., be invited to take the Chair at the Opening of the Winter Session on November 1st, when an Address on the Report of the Board of Control will be delivered.

The Meeting then terminated.

FIXTURES.

November 14th.—Class on Administration to visit the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W.1, at 2.30 p.m.

November 23rd.—Monthly Meeting of the Council, 2.30 p.m.

December 14th.—Monthly Meeting of the Council, 2.30 p.m. Registration Day Meeting, 4.30 p.m. Address, "St. Brigid, the Veiled Lady of Kildare," Miss I. Macdonald.

Miss S. E. Cowe, F.B.C.N., would be pleased to welcome those in need of rest and home comforts, breakfast in bed, at £2 2s. 0d. a week, at Ye Olde House, Elham, near Canterbury.

WHAT OUR FELLOWS ARE DOING.

We were anticipating the pleasure of welcoming home on holiday Miss E. Marion Foulkes Pritchard, after five years' excellent work as Sister Tutor at the Cape, but a change of plans will defer this pleasure for three years.

Miss Pritchard writes: "I have only just written warning you of my homecoming, now here I am writing to tell you of a complete change of plans. Many things have happened lately, among which was an opportunity for me to join the Rhodesian Nursing Service. After due consideration, and on being offered the post of Sister Tutor I decided to accept, and here am I in the bustle of preparing for my departure to Bulawayo, where I am to be stationed for the present, instead of booking my passage to England. I am going to Rhodesia primarily to take a resident post which will give me an opportunity to study Administration. Five years is long enough to be non-resident.

Rhodesia offers me this and gives me the chance to return to British Administration without returning to England; fond as I naturally am of England, I keep so well out here and love this country so much I do not want to leave it; also, like the sailor, I love 'getting round.' I intend visiting one or two of the principal beauty spots of S.A. on my way up, and having a good rest at the same time, as I have had a very strenuous year. My future address will be the Memorial Hospital, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia."

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