

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The One Hundred and Fourth Meeting of the Council was held at the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1., on Saturday, November 23rd, 1935, at 2.30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and there were present Miss M. Breay and Miss I. Macdonald, Vice-Presidents; Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss F. M. Campbell, Miss G. Le Geyt, and Miss S. Vian, Fellows; and Miss H. G. Ballard and Miss E. F. Eburah, Members.

Prayers having been read, the Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed and signed.

BUSINESS ARISING.

Letter from the Board of Control acknowledging Resolution sent from the Opening Meeting of the Winter Session

Parliament for St. Marylebone with a splendid majority, for which he had sent the following acknowledgment:—

"I should like to thank you so much for the telegram received from the British College of Nurses, which I greatly appreciate.

"I shall certainly do all I can in the future, as in the past, to safeguard the interests of the Nursing Profession."

Letter from Sir Algernon Tudor Craig, K.B.E., F.S.A., kindly consenting to give an "Informal Talk" at the College on "The Romance of Heraldry" after the New Year.

Letter from Mr. T. J. Shields, Librarian, British Medical Association, asking for the titles of books on the "Legal Aspect of Nursing," and if there are any books in our Library on the subject.

Mr. Shields advised to communicate with the Executive Secretary, International Council of Nurses, Geneva, and with the American Nurses' Association.

Letter from Miss R. R. E. Stow, sending cuttings from a paper of a copy of Florence Nightingale's Dietary Requisitions during the Crimean War. Filed in History Section.

Letter from Mr. C. T. Cox, Divisional Superintendent, Great Western Railway, re "Parratt Stretcher," a new design for railway travelling.

List from General Nursing Council for England and Wales giving centres where the Preliminary and Final State Examinations will be held.

An interesting letter from Miss C. Pickard re the Masseuses and Registered Nurses' scale of pay, etc.—Letter to be further considered.

Letter from Miss Haswell re gift of valuable books from Miss Christina Page.—Gift gladly accepted.

Letter from National Council of Women, intimating change of address after January 1st, 1936, to 92, Gower Street, W.C.1. Copy of Resolutions passed at the Representative Council Meeting, Leicester, October, 1935.

Other communications received and considered.

MARRIAGE.

Notification of Marriage from Mrs. Doreen Finch (*née* Drummond), who has resigned her position of Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Halstead, and has married Mr. S. E. Finch, and for the future will reside at Tokat House, Sible Hedingham, Essex.

Notification of her marriage from Miss M. T. Hall, to Mr. David T. Dickie, of Forestfield House, Kelso.

The Council desired that hearty congratulations be sent to both the brides wishing them happiness.

DEATHS.

The President reported with deep regret the death of Miss Mary Livingstone Cameron, a Fellow of the College since its inception; of Miss Ada Taylor, a member since 1929, who died after an operation on November 19th; and Miss Agnes Lillie Ross, a Fellow since 1926, all three warm supporters of the professional policy of the College and a great loss to their colleagues, and the highest standards of Nursing.



Nurses from Queen Charlotte's Hospital interviewing Captain Cunningham-Reid, D.F.C.

expressing the opinion, "that every Probationer who enters a Mental Hospital under a Public Authority for training should have the right to be prepared for the Examination of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales in Mental Nursing." The President reported that she had brought to the notice of certain members of the Hospitals and Medical Services Committee of the London County Council, the copy of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING containing the expressions of grievances from members of the Nursing Staff and the necessity for a Nursing Service Committee to administer the indispensable Department of the ten thousand nurses under its control. She was pleased to report that—owing to the publicity given in the press—the Sunday hours off duty had been extended to three hours, thus enabling the nursing Staff to attend divine service.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A telegram had been sent to Captain Cunningham-Reid, D.F.C., congratulating him upon his return as Member of

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