

large institution, two or three additional wards having been opened in the last six weeks."

The President expressed the pleasure of the Council of being kept in touch with honours paid to the memory of Sister Dora. She thought that the Council must, at some future date, make a pilgrimage to Walsall on Sister Dora's Birthday and take part in the ceremonies of homage.

A very large correspondence was considered and replies agreed.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

The applications for membership were approved, and the candidates elected.

DEATH.

The President reported with very deep regret the death of Miss Nellie Gertrude Beeham, F.B.C.N., which took place on January 14th.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The President presented a satisfactory Financial Statement. £202 13s. 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 the following:—

That she had procured a beautifully bound Diary written by an unknown officer of the events during the Crimean War; also she was very pleased to report the gift of *The Illustrated News* record of the life of King Edward VII, given by Miss G. R. Hale.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported that since the last Meeting of the Council, 347 communications had been received and 563 had been sent out, and there had been 24 visitors to the College. There was a balance of £1 19s. for the History Section.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Miss G. Le Geyt: Hutchinson's "Women's Who's Who,"
Miss Bright Robinson: "Life of Florence Nightingale,"
2 Vols., 1st edition, by Sir Edward Cook.

Miss M. A. D. Mitchell: Two large white damask table cloths, one of which was in her family for over 100 years.

Miss E. Harrald, Kent Town, S. Australia: "Before the Dawn," book of Australian Poems by W. N. Honey, with very beautiful water-colour illustrations by various artists on Australia.

Miss Barron, Wellington, New Zealand: Calendar impressed with "New Zealand Registered Nurses' Association, Wellington Branch," with quotations for every day.

Miss A. E. Hogg: Report of the Finnish Red Cross Hospital, with book of illustrations.

HISTORY SECTION.

For Address on satin to Miss Florence Nightingale from the Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, during the Crimean War:—

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, £2 2s.; Miss M. Breay, £2 2s.;
Miss I. Macdonald, £2 2s.; Miss H. G. Ballard, £1 1s.;
Miss M. G. Allbutt, £2 2s.; Miss A. S. Bryson, £2 2s.;
Miss E. F. Eburah, £1 1s.; Miss M. S. Cochrane, £2 2s.;
Miss E. L. Macaulay, £2 2s.; Miss A. M. Bushby, £1;
Miss F. M. Campbell, £2 2s.; Miss Helen Lamb, £1 1s.; Anonymous donor, 8s.; Total: £21 7s.

Miss E. F. Eburah, £2 2s.

Miss Harriet Bryson: "Old Lady of Threadneedle Street," September, 1934. "Old Lady of Threadneedle Street" Memorial Supplement, 1921; "Notes on Nursing" by Florence Nightingale, 1st edition.

Mr. F. Falcke: "Seventy years of Life in the Victorian Era, by a Physician," containing references to Miss Florence Nightingale.

BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING: "Our Bit,"; Memories of War Service by Nursing Sister, M. B. Clint, A.R.R.C.

ADMINISTRATION CLASSES.

It was agreed that arrangements should be made for further Administration Classes in the Spring, as they are very popular with the members.

THE LEAGUE OF REMEMBRANCE.

Miss I. Macdonald presented the following short report on the work of The League of Remembrance.

"It is some time now since I called at the Headquarters of the League of Remembrance.

"At that time they were trying to get girls who were approved for admission to various well-known training schools. So far as I could gather none of those were attending lectures but it was indicated that facilities would be given for this should their future Matrons wish it to be arranged. During the time of my visit they were engaged in making dressings of which a large quantity was being prepared for various hospitals. No attempt was made to teach nursing in any of its branches, and beyond engendering in the girls habits of routine and an appreciation of the importance of great cleanliness and care in connection with dressings, the work does not bear any close connection with a nurse's training.

"The salary paid is £12 annually and the quarters provided quite comfortable. One simply might sum up by saying that the girls are just given opportunity of usefully filling up their time by helping in the preparations of the dressings which the League of Remembrance supplies to the hospitals."

It was agreed to give information required by several enquirers.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, February 16th, at 2.30 p.m.

FIXTURES.

February 16th.—Monthly Meeting of the Council, 2.30 p.m.

RIGHTEOUS ANGER.

As we go to press the Report of the Joint Committee appointed by the Association of Municipal Corporations, and the County Councils Associations, "to investigate the question of the best method for the recruitment and training of nurses to be employed in the Public Assistance, Public Health, Mental Treatment and Education Services," has been published so far as it relates to the Education Service.

State Registered Nurses, indignant that this Committee which is considering questions of vital importance to themselves and their patients, and which apparently holds a brief for the *Lancet* Commission, does not include one Registered Nurse, are asking that a Public Meeting may be called, at which they can express their views on their own professional affairs or on the Recommendations of the Committee. The suggestion is under consideration.

NATIONAL FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE COMMITTEE "AT HOME."

The National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee is giving an "At Home" at Florence Nightingale International House, 15, Manchester Square, London, W.1, on Thursday, February 7th, from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.

The Duchess of Devonshire, President of the Committee, and the members of the House Committee of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, will receive the guests, who cannot fail to be interested in the beautiful Home where the International Florence Nightingale students reside during their year's study at Bedford College, and for the endowment of which the National Committee has recently made an appeal.

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