

the Report issued in the *Public Assistance Journal*. As, however, certain Recommendations were exceedingly obnoxious to thousands of Registered Nurses who had not been consulted concerning their own affairs by employers and others, the Report as it stood would be published in the March issue of the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, and she invited all members of the British College of Nurses to realise their very serious responsibility in the matter.

It was agreed to take action should the General Nursing Council for England and Wales be approached in the matter.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported that since the last Meeting of the Council there had been 20 visitors to the College.

In the History Section, with a balance in hand of £2 14s. 6d., donations had been received from Miss M. S. Cochrane, £1, and Miss I. Macdonald 17s.; there had been spent:

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Florence Nightingale Silver Medal with portrait inscribed "Blessed are the Merciful." "A mark of esteem and gratitude for her devotion to The Queen's Brave Soldiers. Crimea"				2	0	0
Royal Mementoes—						
Chronology of the Sovereigns of England from William I, 1087—George, Prince Regent, in metal case	18	0				
Commemoration Mug, Queen Victoria Jubilee, 1887	10	0				
Plate, William IV, in Coronation Robes, flowered border	12	0				
William IV Mug, Coronation in Westminster Abbey	5	0				
William IV Coronation Plate Westminster Abbey	6	6				
				2	11	6
				£4	11	6

LIST OF GIFTS.

Miss F. E. Mawtus, 2s. 6d. for flowers.

Miss I. Macdonald, 12s. 2d. for flowers.

Miss Lavinia L. Dock, Book: "Windows on Henry Street," by Lillian D. Wald (Isla Stewart Library.) Inscribed "From Lavinia L. Dock, With all good wishes to her British Sisters, January 1935."

HISTORY SECTION.

Miss M. S. Cochrane, £1

Miss I. Macdonald, 17s.

Miss M. R. Angel, Complete series in original covers of "Life and Reign of Queen Victoria," by the Marquis of Lorne. Jubilee Cup and Saucer, Queen Victoria.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Tennyson Memorial Jug with very fine portrait of the great Poet Laureate, of the Victorian era, quotations engraved on the Jug.

Miss D. A. Turner, Stereoscopic Photograph of Lea Hurst, Florence Nightingale's Home in Derbyshire.

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

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, March 16th.

AN EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE.

Miss I. Macdonald stated that several Members of the Council who remember that Dr. Bedford Fenwick would celebrate his eightieth Birthday on the 2nd of March,

felt they would like to express in some tangible way their sincere appreciation and gratitude for all that he has done for the Nursing Profession for the past half century, and incidentally what he had done and is still doing for the British College of Nurses. She therefore proposed that the fine Lecture Rooms of the College might be named the Bedford Fenwick Halls, and that flowers should accompany this expression of gratitude. This was carried with acclamation by the Councillors present.

The Meeting then terminated.

FIXTURES.

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

By the kind consent of the authorities of the National Society for Epileptics, Chalfont Colony, Gerrards Cross, Bucks, an Administration Class will be received at an early date.

THE PASSING BELL.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Miss Alice Edith Thacker, Fellow of the British College of Nurses, on February 5th, 1935, at 1, South Beach Parade, Great Yarmouth. Miss Thacker received her training at Great Yarmouth General Hospital, and had held the position of Staff Nurse at the North Eastern Fever Hospital, Tottenham, Sister at the Delancey Hospital, Cheltenham, Sister-in-Charge and Lecturer of Home Nursing and Hygiene for Great Yarmouth District Nursing Education Committee.

Miss Thacker, who was one of the first Fellows to join the College, will be greatly missed. Her sudden death from Gastric Influenza comes as a great shock, and much sympathy is felt for her sister, Miss Annison Thacker, in her bereavement of a devoted and only sister.

QUEEN'S INSTITUTE OF DISTRICT NURSING.

The Council of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing met at the offices of the Institute, 57, Lower Belgrave Street, yesterday afternoon. In the absence of the chairman, the Earl of Athlone, the vice-chairman, Sir William Hale-White, presided.

The annual report and statements of account for 1934 were approved for submission to the Queen as Patron. At the end of 1934 there were in Great Britain and Ireland 3,576 Queen's nurses and 3,818 village nurse-midwives and other nurses working in connection with the Queen's Institute and the 64 county and 1,721 district nursing associations affiliated to it. During the year no fewer than 14,568,623 visits were paid by the nurses in England and Wales.

Since the meeting of the council in December the names of 132 nurses have been placed on the Roll of Queen's Nurses and 28 nursing associations have been affiliated.

A Loss to the Institute.

The council heard with great regret of the resignation of Miss Norah Farrant from the post of Inspector of County Nursing Associations, which will take effect about the middle of May. The chairman was asked to send a letter to Miss Farrant in appreciation of her many years' devoted service to the Institute.

It was reported that the owners of gardens had again responded generously to the invitation to open them in aid of district nursing, and that there would be a most attractive programme for 1935.

The love of gardens, a national characteristic in the British Isles, provides the Institute with a very handsome income in support of its valuable work.

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