

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The ninety-seventh Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held on Saturday, March 16th, at 2.30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and there were present: Miss I. Macdonald, Vice-President; Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss F. M. Campbell, 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 and signed.

Miss M. Breay and Miss Cowie intimated inability to attend.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

A letter of thanks from Dr. Bedford Fenwick for flowers received from the Council of the British College of Nurses on March 2nd, his eightieth birthday.

BEDFORD FENWICK HALL.

The following letter was read by the President:—

March 4th, 1935.

DEAR MISS BRYSON,—I thank you for your letter of February 26th, informing me that at the Meeting of your Council on the 16th, the Members were kind enough to express the desire that to "celebrate" my 80th birthday, the Lecture Hall of the College should bear my name.

Although for 40 years, in fact ever since I got the Royal Charter for the Royal British Nurses' Association, I have studiously avoided publicity of any kind in regard to Nursing matters, I appreciate so much the kindly thought and courtesy of Miss Macdonald in proposing, and of the Council in unanimously accepting the above suggestion, that I feel, however diffidently, I must gratefully accept the compliment so generously offered to me.

Yours faithfully,

BEDFORD FENWICK.

It was unanimously agreed that a plaque be suitably inscribed "Bedford Fenwick Hall" and placed over the central door of the Lecture Room.

The pleasure of the Council to be conveyed to Dr. Bedford Fenwick for consenting to their request.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters were read from Dr. Elwell, Miss Stewart Bryson's medical adviser, giving particulars of her progress during her illness, which required further treatment and rest.

A large number of letters were received and considered. The Council were specially pleased to hear from many Fellows and Members abroad, in return for Christmas greetings from Australia, Montevideo, South Africa, Canada and elsewhere, and to be assured of their appreciation of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING which keeps them in touch with nursing affairs at home and abroad.

Letters notifying the Council of the death of Miss E. Dinnie, F.B.C.N., since January, 1927, on March 8th; and on March 1st, of Miss M. E. Lovatt, M.B.C.N., since February 1927.

Letters of sympathy to be sent.

Letter of thanks from Miss B. A. Bowering for sympathy to her mother and herself in their recent sad bereavement.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

Applications for Membership were approved, and the candidates were elected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory Financial Statement 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, notified that Miss J. C. Cowie had most kindly sent a donation of £5 for the History Section, and she also reported that she had found two books for the Royal Mementoes Section.

The President thanked Miss Bushby for her Report and gifts.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

It was reported that since the last Meeting of the Council there had been 14 visitors to the College.

HISTORY SECTION.

Donations have been received from Miss H. G. Ballard, £1, and Miss I. Macdonald, £2 2s. 0d.

ADMINISTRATION CLASS.

It was agreed that arrangements be made for the Administration Class to visit the National Society for Epileptics, Chalfont Colony, Gerrards Cross. Miss E. F. Eburah consented to accompany the Class, together with Miss Hutton who will submit the report to the Council of the valuable work of the Colony.

TO CONSIDER NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL.

The President reminded the Council that the Notice of Election must be advertised in the April issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and expressed sincere regret that the Council would lose the greatly valued services of Miss A. M. Bushby and Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., who would complete their term of office as Councillors in July.

It was agreed to publish the Notice of Election, as heretofore, in the April issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING; two vacancies for Fellows, and one vacancy for a Member.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATION OF DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The question of delegates representing the British College of Nurses on the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was considered. Miss E. F. Eburah was nominated, and agreed to act.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Miss Jessie Holmes. "The Little Towns of Flanders," by Albert Delstanche.

Miss Jessie Holmes. "Lloyd George," by Mr. Punch.

Miss A. S. Bryson. £1 10s. 0d. for flowers.

Miss H. G. Ballard. £1 for flowers.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. "Hospital Administration for Women," by E. E. P. MacManus.

Miss E. A. Elliott. "Notes on Nursing," by Florence Nightingale.

Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C. Hand-painted Waste Paper Basket for the Treasurer's room.

HISTORY SECTION.

Miss H. G. Ballard, £1.

Miss I. Macdonald, £2 2s. 0d. (Florence Nightingale Silver Medal, with portrait inscribed "Blessed are the Merciful.")

TO DECIDE DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, April 13th, at 2.30 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The President reminded the Council that the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain would meet on April 24th, when any recommendations to be considered at the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses, must be then agreed.

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