

**ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.**

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

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**

The President reported a satisfactory Financial Statement, £40 19s. 0d., 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:—

Since the last Meeting of the Council we have received from Miss F. M. Campbell a book "Daddy Darwin's Dovecot," a country tale by Juliana Horatia Ewing, and illustrated by Randolph Caldecott; inscribed on its first page are the words:—"Fanny Dowding from F. N., Aug. 1886." Miss Campbell enclosed the following letter from Mr. Phillip McCarthy the kind donor:—"Dear Miss Campbell,

Of course you can say how the book came into your possession.

My late wife was personal maid to Miss Nightingale for many years, and the book was given her on the date mentioned inside.

Her name before our marriage was Dowding, and her family for three generations were servants in various capacities to the Nightingales. The latter's name originally was Shore-Smith, but when Miss Nightingale's father inherited the various estates it was on condition he took the name of Nightingale.

Kindest regards from  
Yours faithfully,

PHILLIP MCCARTHY."

Miss Bushby was thanked for her continued work for the History Section.

The President brought before the Council a very rare Florence Nightingale Memento, a framed Address printed on Gold Satin, which was presented to Miss Nightingale from the inhabitants of the City of Sydney, Australia, during her work in the Crimea, as an expression of their gratitude and admiration, the cost of which was £25. The Address was expressed in such beautiful language, and so impressed the Council that £17 15s. 0d. was promised in the room towards its purchase. It was realised that this unique document *must* be added to the Nightingale Collection of the College.

**THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.**

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting of the Council there had been 27 visitors to the College.

A donation to the History Section had been received from Miss H. G. Ballard of 10s., and with a balance in hand of

£1 16s. 11d., made a total of £2 6s. 11d., leaving a deficit of 7s. 4d.

**MISS I. MACDONALD'S CALENDAR FUND.**

A cheque for the sum of £30 has been received from Miss I. Macdonald's Calendar Fund for the College Benevolent Grants, and a list of names of some 21 necessitous members to receive Christmas gifts from the fund "with which to make merry" was reported.

This news was received by the Council with acclamation and Miss Macdonald was warmly congratulated and thanked by the President for this generous donation.

**CONGRATULATIONS.**

It was agreed that a letter of congratulation on their election to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain be sent to:—

(a) Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., Matron, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on her election as Vice-President.

(b) Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Matron, Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone, and Miss Norah Farrant, Inspector, Queen's Institute of District Nursing, on their election as Directors.

**RE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIPS.**

The President hoped that the members of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses and Matrons of hospitals would unite in support of Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day, and encourage nurses to subscribe annually a small silver coin to the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Fund, in remembrance of their great leader, to whom gratitude was due, and thought a collecting box for small donations might be inaugurated, available for voluntary gifts at any time, and she hoped the College would approve such a collection, the box to be opened on May 12th.

The President alluded to a communication from Miss G. Fairley, Matron, Vancouver General Hospital, that it was hoped that the Florence Nightingale Brick, donated by the College and presented to their nursing school might be the Foundation Stone of their New Nurses' Home.

The Council warmly approved this suggestion, which they considered might well be adopted by our hospitals.

**LIST OF GIFTS.**

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Antique Sheraton Reading Desk. Life Story of H.R.H. Princess Marina (presented to her and autographed by the Author, Miss Grace Ellison).

Miss M. Breay, Life Story of H.R.H. Princess Marina, by Grace Ellison (for lending library).



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