

Letter from Miss Jessie Holmes, F.B.C.N., sending 10s. for History Section for Scrap Book.

National Council of Women of Great Britain: Nomination Papers for Election of (a) 16 representatives of Affiliated Societies to the Executive Committee, (b) Honorary Officers. To be returned not later than Wednesday, May 6th, 1936.

Letter from Miss M. Russell stating that she has now registered her Farm as a home for rest and care cases.

Letters of a private nature were considered.

It was evident that towards middle age many nurses were responsible for the care of members of their families, and that their means were straitened.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President submitted the Financial Statement for the month.

#### REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

The President regretted to report that Miss A. M. Bushby could not present her Report, being unable to attend owing to an attack of laryngitis.

#### THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary reported on the daily activities of the College. Members had attended a Lecture at the National Portrait Gallery on "The Stuarts in Exile." The lecturer gave an exceedingly interesting survey of the careers of James II and the "old" and the "young" Pretenders.

The spring-cleaning of the College had been finished. In this connection the President expressed the opinion that we were all somewhat inclined to take first-class manual work for granted, whereas it was of the utmost value to the community. The Council desired that a vote of thanks be conveyed to Mrs. Williams who has annually, for 10 years, superintended and taken part in the spring-cleaning of the College.

#### LIST OF GIFTS.

Miss Jessie Holmes: 10s. History Section for Scrap Book.

Miss J. J. Edgar: Flowers.

Miss A. A. Macwilliam: Flowers.

Miss F. M. Moore: Flowers.

Mrs. Marden: Picture Post-card of Demonstration for Votes for Women in Hyde Park, 1908. Portraits of Mrs. Wolstenholme Elmy and Mrs. Pankhurst.

Miss G. E. Davies, Registrar, General Nursing Council for England and Wales: Copy of Register of Nurses for 1936.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING "Surgical Instruments and Appliances," by Harold Burrows, C.B.E., M.B. (Lond.) B.S., F.R.C.S. "Remedial Exercises for certain diseases of the Heart and Lungs," by Hester Angrove, T.M.M.G.

#### DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, May 16th, at 3 p.m.

#### OTHER BUSINESS.

##### FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE THANKSGIVING DAY.

The President reminded the Council that Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day would be celebrated on Tuesday, May 12th, and arrangements for tea at 4.30 p.m., and that the Nightingale Collecting Box should be opened at 5.30 p.m., were agreed.

##### SCOTTISH DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON TRAINING OF NURSES.

The President drew the attention of the Council to the very able Memorandum on the Report of the Scottish Departmental Committee on Training of Nurses, by Miss M. Breay, which was published in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING in the April issue. This had aroused much interest both in England and Scotland.

It was unanimously agreed that a letter with a résumé of the Memorandum be sent to the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Chairman, The Scottish Departmental Committee on Training of Nurses, and also to Miss E. D.

Smaill, A.R.R.C., Lady Superintendent, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, one of the two nurses on the Committee who had entered in the Report a strongly worded reservation to the Recommendation in regard to the Central State Register which it is proposed to institute.

At the close of the Meeting Miss Dorothy Gertrude Tilby, F.B.C.N., Matron, Isolation Hospital, Waltham Abbey, took the Obligation and was warmly welcomed by the Council.

The Meeting then terminated.

#### FIXTURES.

May 12th.—Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day. At Home. Tea 9d. 4.30 to 6 p.m. Miss A. M. Bushby will speak on the genius of Florence Nightingale. Collecting box opened at 5.30 p.m. R.S.V.P. to the Secretary, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

May 16th.—Monthly Meeting of the Council. 3 p.m.

#### WHAT OUR FELLOWS AND MEMBERS ARE DOING.

We are lately notified that:—

Miss M. Russell, F.B.C.N., is preparing to take cases for rest and care at her house, Watling Street Farm, Fewston, Harrogate, in a beautiful part of the country on the edge of the Yorkshire Moors, eight miles from Harrogate, from which a daily bus runs, and Bolton Abbey is only a few miles distant.

Miss M. M. P. Siggers, M.B.C.N., is pleased to receive acute or convalescent cases needing rest and care at Lansdowne Nursing Home, Tunbridge Wells, which is situated in a quiet residential neighbourhood. Only fully trained staff are employed. Fees from 6 guineas weekly.

#### A VISIT TO FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, 15, MANCHESTER SQUARE, W.1.

During the last four years Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses have been most generous in subscribing to the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Fund of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and it is felt that many of them would appreciate a visit to the Headquarters of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. Arrangements have therefore been made for a party to meet at 3.30 p.m. on Friday, May 22nd, at Florence Nightingale International House, 15, Manchester Square, when Miss N. Dorsey has very kindly consented to receive the party and entertain them to tea.

Those wishing to attend are requested to communicate with the Secretary, The British College of Nurses, as soon as possible.

#### SOME PRIVILEGES OF THE COLLEGE.

In these days, when Horticulture has reached such perfection, Fellows and Members of the College will be interested to know that a limited number of tickets of admission are available to visit the Royal Horticultural Shows at Vincent Square, Westminster, the Great Spring Show, Royal Hospital Gardens, Chelsea, on May 21st and 22nd, and also for the Great Summer Rose Shows in July and September. Fellows or Members who would like to avail themselves of these tickets should communicate with the Secretary the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W.1.

#### LENDING LIBRARY.

Books from the Lending Library of the College are available for Fellows and Members, and by request can be sent by post if the postage is refunded.

#### THE CLUB ROOM.

The Club Room is open daily (except Saturdays and Sundays) from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., where Fellows and Members may meet friends. By request Tea is served between 4-6 p.m.

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