

Letters *re* the facilities for the training of coloured nurses in England.

Letters *re* Refresher Courses, Dietetics, and Tropical Diseases, etc.

#### ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

Applications for Membership were received and all were elected.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented the Financial Statement for the month.

#### REPORT OF FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE THANKSGIVING DAY.

On Tuesday, May 12th, the British College of Nurses held a Reception in celebration of "Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day."

Flowers, at no season of the year more inspiring in their beauty, were in abundance, and the gift of Mrs. Marden, of cowslips and wild hyacinths brought the scent of country air.

Fellows, Members and friends were welcomed by the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, in the Council Room, where the Statuette of Florence Nightingale, designed by Miss Knoblock, aroused much interest. There has been a considerable demand for replicas of this Statuette, the proceeds from their sale have been given to the Scholarships Fund of the College.

After the welcome refreshment of Tea, served in the Secretary's Office, everyone adjourned to the Council Room, where Miss A. M. Bushby gave a most interesting address on "The Genius of Florence Nightingale."

The President thanked Miss Bushby for the trouble she had taken in preparing the survey of Miss Nightingale's unique genius and accomplishments. (This address will appear in our next issue).

#### CONTENTS OF THANKSGIVING BOX.

When the contents of "Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day" box were counted it was found to contain:—

From Sale of Statuettes £6 1s., two £1 notes, five 10s. notes, cheque 10s., 18 half-crowns, 9 florins, 32 shillings, 16 sixpences, one postal order, 1s., making a total of £16 5s. Although not so large a sum as last year, as the nurses are now subscribing generously for the I.C.N. Congress to be held in London next year, it was considered a satisfactory amount.

Contributions towards the beautiful needlework cloth given by Miss E. L. Macaulay were 16s., added to the 12s. collected for it last year, makes a total of £1 8s. It is hoped to obtain a more adequate price for this work of art.

The Sale of Miss I. Macdonald's pamphlet "Elizabeth Alkin," added an additional 4s.

#### REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

In the absence of the Chairman, Miss F. M. Campbell, the report of the Education Committee was read.

Since the last Meeting of the Committee, Grants have been awarded as follows:

1. To Miss Janet Binnie, a Midwifery Grant of £35.
2. To Miss Jessie Quick, Grant *re* Sister Tutors' Course.
3. To Miss E. A. Hall, Grant while on leave from East Africa for Refresher Course in Midwifery.
4. Six Grants for a Course of Lectures on First Aid in Chemical Warfare.

The Administration Class has paid eight instructive visits of a varied character, which have been greatly enjoyed.

It was agreed to recommend that Grants towards the expenses of Courses of instruction in the following be considered:—

1. Venereal Diseases.
2. Tropical Diseases.
3. Housekeeping.

4. Health Visitors' Course.

5. Teachers' Diploma in Midwifery.

The President drew the attention of the Committee to the changed conditions of training likely to ensue if the Midwives Acts Amendment Bill came into force.

It was agreed to enquire of Dr. King Brown if there were courses of training for Registered Nurses in Radiography and Physical Medical Nursing.

Arrangements for Administration Classes were considered and seven institutions approved for visits.

The President proposed that a series of Lectures which were approved, might include practical demonstrations on Dental Treatment and Chiropody.

It was agreed that for nurses 3-4 p.m. was the most convenient hour for Lectures.

The Report was received and discussed.

#### EDUCATIONAL GRANTS.

It was agreed to recommend that the following Grants should be allocated, if applied for:—

(a) Grants of £10 towards a Housekeeping Course.

(b) Grants of £2 2s. for a Course of Lectures and Examination at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Endsleigh Gardens, W.C.1.

(c) It was agreed to arrange for Courses of Training in Venereal Diseases, and that Fellows and Members of the College wishing to avail themselves of these should communicate with the Secretary, The British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

(d) It was agreed that enquiry should be made as to the teaching and examining bodies for the Course to qualify for the Midwife Teachers' Examination.

(e) Also as to Training in Radiography and Physical Medical Nursing.

#### ADMINISTRATION CLASSES.

That the holding of Administration Classes be continued was recommended and a varied programme for the Autumn and Spring Courses was considered and approved.

#### LECTURES.

That a short series of Lectures be given was also recommended and approved.

With these additions the Report was adopted.

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

The President reported that Miss A. M. Bushby was unable to attend and the Report would, therefore, be deferred to the next Meeting.

#### THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported on the daily activities of the College. Members had attended the third and last Lecture of a series at the National Portrait Gallery on "Some Famous Women," a most instructive lecture on Notable Women of the 18th century, which was greatly appreciated by the Members.

#### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting should be held on Monday, July 6th, at 3.30 p.m.

At the conclusion of the Meeting, which it is hoped that Fellows and Members will endeavour to attend, there will be a Reception and Tea, to which all are cordially invited.

#### TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF TWO FELLOWS AND ONE MEMBER TO THE COUNCIL.

This year the retiring Councillors will be Miss M. G. Allbutt, and Miss J. C. Cowie, Fellows, and Miss H. G. Ballard, Member.

The President reported that Nomination Papers of two Fellows and one Member for election to the Council had been received from Miss A. M. Bushby, Fellow, and Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Fellow, Matron, Charing Cross

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