

CORRESPONDENCE. Coloured Nurses.

Letters from Miss L. E. Alderman, Matron, Albert Dock Hospital, and from Mrs. M. Hutton, *re* the training of coloured nurses.

A Canadian College of Nurses.

Letters from Miss F. Gray, Assistant Professor of Nursing, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, and from Miss Elizabeth Smellie, Chief Superintendent, Victorian Order of Nurses in Canada, Office of Central Board, Ottawa, asking for information concerning the constitution and standards and qualifications of Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses, as at the biennial Meeting of the Canadian Nurses Association to be held at Vancouver, the report of the Committee studying the question of "Dominion Registration of Nurses" is being presented. Replies had been sent to Miss F. Gray, and Miss E. Smellie, giving the information required, and enclosing documents for consideration, and wishing success to the efforts of the Canadian Nurses' Association in its efforts to obtain Dominion Registration based on self government.

Australian Trained Nurses' Association.

Letters from Miss H. Yeates, West Australia Branch A.T.N.A., *re* visitors over for the Coronation and I.C.N. Congress.

Information had been sent.

A large number of interesting letters were reported from members abroad and at home all of which had received careful replies. The Council was pleased to learn that many Fellows and Members hoped to attend the International Congress of Nurses to be held in London in July, 1937, who had been invited to report their date of arrival so that helpful arrangements might be made for their visit.

Letter from Miss D. L. Latham, Hon. Secretary, L.C.C. Nurses' Association, thanking for permission to meet at the College, and confirming meetings to be held on 16th and 30th June.

Thanks for Diplomas and Flower Show tickets, etc., were reported.

Thanks of the Council were sent to Miss Sanderson, Matron, Mount Vernon Hospital, for very interesting book written by various members of the staff.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

Applications for Membership were received and all applicants were elected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented the Financial Statement for the month.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby, who was invited to attend, presented the following Report:—

Since the last Meeting of the Council I have obtained a first edition in good condition and uncut of "A History of Nursing," by Nutting and Dock, and I shall have much pleasure in presenting it to the College.

I have received 2s. 6d. from Miss Black.

We have also acquired a letter written by Florence Nightingale from the Barrack Hospital, Scutari, to a Mr. Brown giving details of the illness and death of his brother, while a patient in the Barrack Hospital, Scutari.

The President thanked Miss Bushby for her help and generosity, and the Report was adopted.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported on the daily activities of the College. In the History Section, a Print of Florence Nightingale, "The Wounded at Scutari," engraved by J. H. Barker from the group by T. Phylffers, has been purchased.

TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT OF THE TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Tenth Annual Report was duly considered and received. It was agreed that in the Report concerning the Scottish Departmental Committee on the Training of Nurses, that the dissent expressed by Miss E. D. Smaill, A.R.R.C., Lady Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, published in the Report, be added, and also the name of Miss M. G. Allbutt, Matron, Fulham Hospital, be added to the List of those who received the King's Silver Jubilee Medal.

With these additions the Report was adopted.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was unanimously agreed that the next Meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, July 18th, at 2.30 p.m. The Meeting then terminated.

OTHER BUSINESS.

At the close of the Meeting Miss May Ashton, M.B.C.N., Derwent, Perth, Western Australia, took the Obligation, and was welcomed by the Council, with whom she took tea.

Mrs. Harris, also from Western Australia, was a welcome guest.

FIXTURES.

July 18.—Monthly Meeting of the Council, 2.30 p.m.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting held on Monday, July 6th, of which we shall publish a report next month was a most enthusiastic gathering. The President was in the Chair, and Dr. Bedford Fenwick presented the Audited Accounts, and was warmly acclaimed.

Miss Cochrane, R.R.C., and Miss A. M. Bushby were welcomed back on the Council—and Miss Nelson in the place of Miss Ballard—bouquets were prepared for each.

The Annual Report contained a résumé of the enormous amount of work accomplished by the Council and the Secretariat, and proved how necessary it is for professional women to unite in a spirit of citizenship, and stand on their own feet.

After the meeting guests joined the members at tea, of the usual delectable quality, and the College was decorated with exquisite flowers, mostly gifts from Mrs. Wates and Miss Macwilliam.

THE GENIUS OF FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

The following address was delivered by Miss A. M. Bushby, F.B.C.N., at the British College of Nurses, on Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day, May 12th.

Genius, she said, is an uncommon power of intelligence, the Gift of God, bestowed on persons when they are most needed by the world, it has been so through countless ages.

Florence Nightingale was a genius gifted beyond measure with vision, and with a marvellous brain, seldom met with in man or woman. She had great advantages of family, social position, culture, good looks, wealth, and a great sense of humour which often helped her in her most difficult tasks. She also possessed a very strong religious belief.

Florence Nightingale owed much to her father, as he had a passion for education which was far before his time. When Florence was nine years old she was writing her autobiography in French "as it was a school-room task." She called it "La vie de Florence Rossignol," but this was not continued for many years. When still

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