

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported on the daily activities of the College; names of distinguished visitors who had signed the Visitors' Book, etc.

APPLICATIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL GRANTS.

Applications for Educational Grants were considered.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATION CLASSES.

The Secretary reported arrangements for the Administration Classes to commence in October.

LIST OF GIFTS: JUNE AND JULY.

BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING: "Remedial Exercises for Certain Diseases of the Heart and Lungs," by Hester S. Angrove, T.M.M.G.; "Peeps on the Nursing Trail," by Derry Down, with a Foreword by Mrs. Rome, R.R.C. "Narrative of an Investigation concerning an ancient Medicinal Remedy and its Modern Utilities," by Charles J. Macalister, M.D. "Family Medical Insurance," by Dr. J. Lachlan-Cope, B.A.; "Surgical Instruments and Appliances," by Harold Burrows, C.B.E., M.B., F.R.C.S.; "Mental Nursing" (simplified), by C. P. Napier Pearn, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M.; "Hints to Probationer Nurses in Mental Hospitals," by R. Eager, O.B.E., M.D.; "A First Course in Human Physiology," by G. Norman Meachen, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. Miss G. M. Hovenden: "The Evolution of Man," Vols. I and II, by Ernst Haeckel; "The Nature of Man," by Metchnikoff; "Lessons in Elementary Physiology," by Thos. H. Huxley, LL.D., F.R.S.

"Sydney Holland: Lord Knutsford," a Memoir by John Gore.

These works to be added to the Library.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick: Coloured prints: H.M. King Edward VIII in his Study; H.M. Queen Mary with her grandchildren.

Miss Sallie Round: Very beautiful tea-cloth worked by Indian girls.

Miss Keen: 5s.

Mrs. Wates: Magnificent roses and other flowers from her own garden. Miss A. Macwilliam, Miss E. Hussey, Miss E. Eburah, Miss MacFadyen, Mrs. Borthwick, Flowers. Mrs. Harris (Australia), 10s. Sympathy Fund.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, September 19th, at 2.30 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS.

It was reported that a Registrar for the General Nursing Council for Scotland was to be appointed. It was unanimously agreed that the following Resolution be sent to the Chairman of the General Nursing Council for Scotland, and to the Press:—

APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR, THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND.**RESOLUTION.**

"That the Council of the British College of Nurses is unanimously of opinion that in the interests of the Nursing Profession the time is now relevant when a Registered Nurse should be appointed to fill the office of Registrar to the General Nursing Council for Scotland. Such a professional appointment would appear to be the more equitable as Registered Nurses provide the emoluments for the maintenance of the office of Registrar."

The Meeting then terminated.

At the close of the Meeting, Miss H. M. Goldfinch, M.B.C.N., Sister, Fulham Hospital, took the Obligation, and was welcomed by the Council, with whom she took tea. Miss Kerstin Wilcke, Lady Superintendent, Mission Hospital, Tirupatur, S. India, Miss Brown, Matron of the Tuberculosis Hospital, Durham, and Miss B. Cheney, Boston, U.S.A., were also guests of the Council at tea.

FIXTURES.

September 19th.—Monthly Meeting of the Council. 2.30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION CLASSES.

By the kind consent of the authorities concerned, the Council of the British College of Nurses has made arrangements for a class not exceeding 12 in number, to visit the new Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, on Thursday, October 8th. Fellows and members wishing to attend are requested to write as soon as possible to the Secretary, The British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W.1.

APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR.

The important position of Registrar to the General Nursing Council for Scotland is now vacant, particulars of which will be found in our advertisement columns. The duties of this office have, since its inception, been performed by a solicitor, and we are strongly of opinion that a Registered Nurse should now be appointed.

Upon the passing of the Nurses' Registration Acts in 1919, the claim was at once advanced by the Nurses' representatives upon the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, that a Registered Nurse should be elected to this important professional post. This claim was recognised as sound and Miss M. S. Riddell, R.R.C., was appointed Registrar, and held the position until 1933, when upon resignation on pension she was succeeded by Miss G. E. Davies, S.R.N.

Example is better than precept. We may hope, therefore, a Registered Nurse of experience may be selected to fill the office in Scotland.

THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

It has been decided not to include the Royal British Nurses' Association's Supplement this month, as there are so many other Reports for which we have to find space, and the Official Reports arising in the Association's Meetings have already been inserted.

Also by omitting the Report Miss Isabel Macdonald, the Secretary to the Corporation—who has presented it for the past twelve months, in addition to her other strenuous duties—will be able to enjoy an uninterrupted holiday, which she so well deserves. She has already flown away to pastures new.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL HYGIENE.**PRIZE ESSAY.**

In May, 1935, the Mental Hospitals Committee of the L.C.C. agreed to co-operate with the National Council for Mental Hygiene in arrangements for the holding of an essay competition annually among nurses of the rank of staff, charge or chief charge nurse for a medal and prize to be provided by the Society of the Crown of Our Lord in memory of the late Lieut.-Colonel J. R. Lord, C.B.E., M.D., a former medical superintendent of Horton mental hospital. The competition is limited for the first three years to staff at the London County Council mental hospitals and for the competition, held this year, nurses were invited to contribute an essay on "The place of the nurse in helping to remould the abnormal outlook on life of the mental patient." The Committee announces that the medal and prize have been awarded to Mr. Horace E. Paine, a charge nurse at Colney Hatch mental hospital, whom we sincerely congratulate on gaining this distinction.

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