

representatives of the British College of Nurses to discuss the report and matters arising thereon with representatives of the Joint Committee.

A reply had been sent accepting the invitation to attend a meeting to be held on December 8th, at the office of the County Councils' Association, 84, Eccleston Square, S.W.1.

The President expressed her desire to accept the invitation received from the Secretary, Sir Harry G. Pritchard, to meet the County Councils' Association on December 8th, and it was unanimously agreed that Miss M. G. Allbutt and Miss I. Macdonald, who had consented to attend, should accompany her.

MIDWIFE TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

Correspondence with the Central Midwives Board *re* the Midwife Teacher's Diploma Examination, under the new Midwives Act.

ANTI-GAS TUITION BY DOCTORS.

In reply to enquiries sent from the College for information concerning the instruction of Nurses by medical experts trained at the Home Office, letters have been received from:—

Home Office,
Air Raid Precautions Department,
5, Princes Street, Westminster, S.W.

October 28th, 1936.

DEAR MADAM,—With reference to your letter dated October 23rd, the anti-gas training to which you refer has been designed on the following lines:

This Department has engaged the services of specially selected trained medical men who are now centred in various parts of the country. From these centres they are arranging instruction in anti-gas measures for all branches of the medical profession, *i.e.*, students, doctors and nurses. The detailed arrangements of classes, times, places, etc., are in the hands of individual instructors, who make these arrangements in consultation with either the deans of medical schools, hospital authorities, the British Medical Association, the Red Cross, and the College of Nursing.

We should be grateful to know whether you could assist us in any way in forwarding this work. You will appreciate that the internal organisation falling upon the shoulders of the instructors is already complicated and difficult, and for that reason we are anxious to limit the points of contact which they are called upon to make as much as is reasonably possible. At the same time, it is not an easy matter to reach all the members of so scattered a profession as the medical profession, and this is particularly applicable to the nursing section. If you have any suggestions which you feel are within your province and which you think would assist us in solving this difficult problem, I shall be grateful to receive them. The instructors are at the present moment centred at:

London, Cambridge, Salisbury, Birmingham, Leeds,
Liverpool, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Edinburgh, Glasgow.

Yours faithfully,
STUART BLACKMORE,
Medical Adviser.

The Secretary,
The British College of Nurses.

A letter was also considered from Dr. L. Haden Guest, from the Air Raid Precautions Department, Home Office.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Dr. Haden Guest to arrange for an interview to consider what arrangements can be made for the instruction of Fellows and Members of the College in Anti-Gas measures.

Letters were considered from members offering help in support of the resolution passed at the opening of Winter Session meeting opposing a Register of inferior grade Nurses for the chronic sick, who they considered deserved the highest standard of nursing.

Several letters from Members in Australia sending reports of the wonderful Nursing Pageant of "100 Years of

Nursing," staged during their Centenary Celebrations, which the public asked might be repeated, as it was recognised as exquisite and educative.

It was agreed to send letters of congratulation to these correspondents in Australia and to urge them to make every effort to qualify for affiliation with the International Council of Nurses, which sincerely deplores the loss of their co-operation in international nursing affairs.

Letter from Miss D. Chadwick, F.B.C.N., Matron, Government Hospital for Women and Children, Madras, sending reports of the very successful annual Congress, stating that she had been reappointed Vice-president of the Trained Nurses' Association of India. Letter of congratulation to be sent.

Letters *re* Coaching Classes for the State Examination. Name and address of tutor given.

LETTERS OF THANKS.

(a) From Miss Weddle for a grant of £5 towards the expenses of Housekeeping Course, taken at Battersea Polytechnic.

(b) From Miss D. Barlow, (d) From Miss E. J. Clarke,
(c) From Mrs. Woodcock, (e) From Miss M. Wakefield
for tickets enabling them to take a course in First Aid in Chemical Warfare, at 14, Grosvenor Crescent, S.W.1.

Letter of thanks from Miss L. Mason, F.B.C.N., for loan of 11 anatomical charts.

Letter of thanks from Miss W. P. Solomon, R.R.C., F.B.C.N., President, The League of Fever Nurses, for permission to hold the General Meeting of the League at the College on November 24th.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales, lists of February, 1937, Examinations.

A large number of letters of a private nature were reported and action taken thereon.

THE PASSING OF A GREAT LADY.

The President drew the attention of the Council to the recent death of Hariot, late Dowager Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava. She felt sure that all present would wish to send an expression of deep sympathy to the Lady Hermione Blackwood in the sad bereavement she had sustained in the passing of her mother, who had for so many years taken so warm an interest in the uplift of the Nursing Profession and welfare of the sick. It was agreed that a letter of sympathy should be sent from the Council.

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.

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR FUND.

The President reported the generous gift of a cheque for £25 received from Miss Isabel Macdonald's Christmas Calendar Fund to be distributed amongst nurses who would appreciate a Christmas gift. The list of those to receive a gift was considered and agreed.

Miss A. M. Bushby proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Macdonald and of congratulation on the marvellous success of her Calendar, which was carried with acclamation.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby, Chairman of the History of Nursing Section, reported:—

Since the last Council Meeting, I have obtained:

1. "Eastern Hospitals and English Nurses," third edition, with New Preface to the third edition, with an additional chapter called "General Misunderstanding," and it relates to Miss Stanley and her nurses. It is published in one volume instead of two, by a Lady Volunteer (Fanny Taylor), 1857.

2. "Queen Square, its Neighbourhood and its Institutions," by Godfrey Heathcote Hamilton, Secretary, National Hospital, Queen Square. Published 1926.

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