

3. "Adventures in Mashonaland," by two Hospital Nurses, Rose Blennerhassett and Lucy Sleeman. Published 1894.

4. "The Princess of Wales' Branch of the National Aid Society, Soudan and Egypt Report Three," 1885. Given by Miss Dowse, R.R.C.

The President thanked Miss Bushby for her continued work for the History Section.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported on the daily activities of the College.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION DAY.

It was agreed that Registration Day be held on Saturday, December 19th, at the conclusion of the Monthly Meeting of the Council.

Miss I. Macdonald consented to give a Lecture on "Elizabeth, the Peacemaker," for which the President, on behalf of the Council, expressed thanks to Miss Macdonald for her literary labours on behalf of Nursing History.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Miss A. M. Bushby: 3s. for Flowers.

Miss Y. Smith: £1 1s. Donation to College Funds.

Mrs. Wates: Flowers.

Miss M. Angel: Flowers.

Miss L. Garlett: Silver Jubilee Mug, King George V and Queen Mary.

Miss M. S. Cochrane: Marble Plaque of Florence Nightingale mounted on solid oak.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING: "Elementary Pathology," by Keith S. Thompson; "Medical Handbook for Nurses," by Miss I. Stewart, S.R.N.; "Textbook of Chronic Diseases," a Handbook for Nurses, by R. Gordon Cooke, M.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; "C.M.B. Examination Questions and Model Answers."

It was agreed that a special letter of thanks be sent to Miss L. Garlett for the very beautiful Silver Jubilee Mug as a Royal Memento.

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING.

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

Celebration of Registration Day and Cutting the Cake illuminated by 17 Candles.

OBLIGATION.

At the conclusion of business, Miss Gladys Sarah Street took the Obligation, and was welcomed into the College.

The Meeting then terminated.

FIXTURES.

December 19th.—Monthly Meeting of the Council 2.30 p.m. Following the Meeting, Celebration of Registration Day, 4.30 p.m. Ceremony of Cutting the Registration Cake, seventeen candles. Miss Macdonald, F.B.C.N., Councillor, will deliver an Address on "Elizabeth the Peacemaker." Those who wish to be present are requested to apply as soon as possible for a card of admission to the Secretary, The British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

AN ETERNAL TRUTH.

"The government of the world is not a mere alternation between abstract right and overwhelming force. . . The world is governed by conciliation, compromise, influence, varied interests, the recognition of the rights of others, coupled with the assertion of one's own; and, in addition, a general conviction, resulting from explanation and good understanding, that it is for the interest of all parties that matters should be conducted in a satisfactory and peaceful manner."—*Disraeli*, 1879.

REPORT ON MEETING ON NURSING OF THE CHRONIC SICK.

CALLED BY MISS MUSSON.

By kind permission of the General Nursing Council the meeting was held at 20, Portland Place, London, W.1, at 2.30 p.m. on 26th November, 1936.

The following were present:—

Miss Musson in the Chair.

ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

*Mr. Buckley, Miss Cockeram, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Dey, Miss Gullan, Miss Innes, Miss Jones, Mr. Southwell, Miss Sparshott, Miss Villiers, *Miss Willis.

(*Mr. Buckley and Miss Willis also represented the Mental Hospital and Institutional Workers' Union.)

REPRESENTATIVES OF NURSES' ASSOCIATIONS.

Association of Hospital Matrons—

Miss Littleboy, Matron, London Hospital.

Miss Thompson, Matron, St. John's Hospital, London, S.W.

Association of Queen's Superintendents—

Miss J. P. Watt, Highgate (Inspector).

Miss Ivett.

British College of Nurses—

Miss M. S. Cochrane, Matron, Charing Cross Hospital.

Miss M. Breay, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

College of Nursing—

Miss D. S. Coode (President).

Miss Wenden, Nurses' Co-operation, Guildford.

County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association—

Miss Alsop (late Matron, St. Mary Abbot's Hospital).

Miss Solomon, Matron, Colindale Hospital, Hendon.

Infectious Hospital Matrons' Association—

Miss Mackie, Matron, Children's Hospital, Brentwood.

Miss B. M. West, Southgate Hospital, Palmers Green.

Matrons' Council of Great Britain—

Mrs. Mackenzie, Matron, Putney General Hospital.

Miss S. G. Reay, Matron, King Edward's Memorial Hospital, Hendon.

Mental Hospital and Institutional Workers' Union—

*Miss Willis.

* Mr. Buckley.

Mental Hospital Matrons' Association—

Miss F. J. Cumming, Matron, Springfield Hospital.

Miss M. S. Seymour, Matron, City Mental Hospital, Leicester.

National Council of Nurses of Great Britain—

Miss Allbutt, Matron, Fulham Hospital.

Miss Salton, Matron, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington.

National Union of County Officers—

Mrs. Iris Brook.

Mr. Patrick McHugh.

Royal British Nurses' Association—

Mrs. Berens-Dowdeswell.

Miss I. Macdonald.

Miss Musson welcomed the representatives, and made the following statement in explanation of her reason for calling the meeting:—

"I suppose it usually happens that when a definite status is conferred on any body or profession, persons without the requisite training endeavour to obtain recognition under those same auspices. This has certainly been the case from time to time with the General Nursing Council. For some time past, as you are aware, some

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