

instructive experience for those who were able to take part. The President reported a letter from the Anti-Noise League concerning a Luncheon Meeting to be held on Monday, March 30th, at the Whitehall Rooms, S.W.1, to mark the first quarterly issue of "Quiet," The Right Hon. The Lord Horder, K.C.V.O., in the Chair.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory Financial Statement for the Month.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby who was invited to attend, made a short report.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

Among the daily activities of the College reported in the Statement presented by the Secretary, was hospitality given by Miss I. Macdonald when on Monday, March 9th, Miss M. Cummings, a member of the Frontier Nursing Service, Kentucky, was invited to meet a few Fellows and Members of the College.

Tea was served in the Club Room, one of the guests, Miss M. M. West, a Member from Canada and U.S.A., was overjoyed to meet a compatriot. On her departure Miss Cummings was presented by the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, with a "Nightingale Brick" to be conveyed to Mrs. Mary Breckinridge, the esteemed Founder of the Frontier Nursing Service, Kentucky, from the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Miss Cummings expressed her sense of the honour conferred upon her in conveying the "Nightingale Brick" to Mrs. Breckinridge.

TO CONSIDER NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL.

The President reminded the Council that the Notice of Election must be advertised in the April issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and expressed sincere regret that the Council would lose the greatly valued services of Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss J. C. Cowie, Fellows, and Miss H. G. Ballard, Member, who would complete their terms of office in July.

It was agreed to publish the Notice of Election as heretofore in the April issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING two vacancies for Fellows and one vacancy for a Member.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick: "The Journal of Marie Bashkirtseff" by Matilde Blind (2 vols.). First Edition. Isla Stewart Cabinet.

Miss A. E. Harris: "His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn," by Major-General Sir George Ashton.

Miss E. E. Rowell: "Hail and Farewell, the passing of King George V." Published by *The Times*.

From part of donations received from Miss L. Mason and Miss E. Woolley: "A Manual of Tuberculosis for Nurses" by E. Ashworth Underwood. "Hail and Farewell, the passing of King George V." Two copies, one for Isla Stewart Cabinet. Facsimile of the Proclamation of His Majesty King Edward VIII at St. James's Palace on the 21st January, 1936.

Miss A. Schwarzenberg, Executive Secretary, International Council of Nurses: "The International Nursing Review."

Miss H. Bryson: "The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street," December, 1935. "Special Empire Colour Number of *The Times*, His Majesty the King."

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING: "The History of St. Thomas's Hospital" (Vol. III.), by F. G. Parsons D.Sc, F.R.C.S., F.S.A. "The Glorious Bondage of Illness," by France Pastorelli. "First Course in Human Physiology," by G. Norman Meachen. M.D., B.S. Lond., M.R.C.P. Lond. & Edin. M.R.C.S.

Miss M. Moon: Flowers.

Miss E. Thompson: Donation of 2s. towards the King's wreath.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was unanimously agreed that the next Meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, April 18th, 1936, at 2.30 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The President reported a letter received from Miss H. Ballard protesting against the new Educational Scheme adopted by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Miss Ballard who was asked by the President to speak on it pointed out that the new scheme excludes Sister Tutors as lecturers and examiners to nurses in training, in Anatomy and Physiology. These new regulations diverted the prestige and fees connected with this work from the Sister Tutors to the medical staff, which was a grave injustice to Sister Tutors who had borne the expense of taking the higher examination and done years of useful work; consequently many would lose their posts as Sister Tutors, or have their remuneration reduced.

Miss Ballard reported that the League of Sister Tutors were considering a Resolution of Protest to be sent to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and the Ministry of Health and other bodies.

After some discussion it was agreed unanimously that a Resolution in support of the views of Sister Tutors be sent from the Council to the Ministry of Health.

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT.

At the request of the President, Miss M. Breay then read a digest of the "Report of the Scottish Departmental Committee on the Training of Nurses" presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Scotland, and promised to prepare an article upon it for publication in the April issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

She also drew attention to the "Bill to amend the Midwives Acts, 1902 to 1936," presented by the Minister of Health in the House of Commons on March 18th, and advised those present to procure and study it.

The meeting then terminated.

FIXTURES.

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

May 7th.—The Council of the British College of Nurses have pleasure in notifying its members that through the courtesy of the authorities of the National Portrait Gallery, St. Martin's Place, W.C.2, a lecture will be given at 2.30 p.m. on "Some Famous Women."

LECTURE AT THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY.

On Thursday, March 12th, a Class of Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses were privileged to attend a Lecture at the National Portrait Gallery on "The Marlboroughs."

The Lecture delivered in a Gallery hung with many masterpieces, portraying events and personages of those stirring times, was especially interesting.

The Lecturer in a comprehensive survey of the character and career of John Duke of Marlborough, explained the change that had taken place in recent years in public opinion of this great hero, and that to refute biased historians, Mr. Winston Churchill in his brilliant biography "Marlborough, His Life and Times" had fought the battle of truth concerning "Marlborough."

PRIMROSES.

A gift received with delight at the College a few days ago was a large box full of lovely, quite fresh primroses, sent by Miss J. Edgar, Matron, Darvell Hall Sanatorium, Robertsbridge. These sweet and refreshing flowers were shared by the whole household, who enjoyed their inspiration for many days.

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