

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented the Financial Statement for the month.

THE REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

On Thursday, May 20th, 1937, at 3 p.m., Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Chairman, presented the Report of the Education Committee Meeting. Since the last Meeting of the Committee grants in aid of a Housekeeping Course, and in aid of Lectures on First Aid in Chemical Warfare have been awarded.

The Administration Class has paid instructive visits of a varied character which have been greatly appreciated. Excellent lectures on various subjects have been held at the College. Arising out of the Minutes, it was agreed that 3 p.m. had not proved a convenient hour for Lectures.

It was agreed to recommend that Grants towards the expenses of courses of instruction in the following be considered for the year 1937-1938.

(a) Two Housekeeping Course Grants.

(b) Grants for a course of Lectures and Examination at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Endsleigh Gardens, W.C.1.

(c) Grants towards Sister Tutor's Certificate. It was agreed to recommend that these Grants be given towards the expenses of Evening Courses at Battersea Polytechnic.

(d) Six Grants of 7s. 6d. each course of Lectures on First Aid in Chemical Warfare.

(e) Grants for course of training in Venereal Diseases were recommended and that Fellows and Members of the College wishing to avail themselves of these courses of study should communicate with the Secretary, The British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W.1.

ADMINISTRATION CLASSES.

That Administration Classes be held was recommended and a varied programme for the Autumn and Spring Courses was considered and approved.

A short series of Lectures was also recommended and approved.

With these additions the Report was received and adopted.

THE REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby reported that she had a very pleasant surprise to report, a gift from Miss I. Macdonald of a very beautiful statuette of Miss Florence Nightingale, and she would ask Miss Macdonald to tell something of its history.

In reply Miss Macdonald thought it was of great interest to know that she presented this lovely piece of English pottery to the College on behalf of Miss Oakley Williams, for many years a member of the Registered Nurses' Association, to whom it had been presented as a gift of gratitude by Miss Millington Drake, who explained that the statuette had been a very cherished possession in her mother's drawing room for over forty years.

Miss Bushby then presented to the College a beautiful English Crystal Coronation Jug and two rare Coronation Mugs.

Miss Bushby was warmly thanked on behalf of the Council for these beautiful mementos, and it was agreed that letters of sincere appreciation and thanks be sent to Miss Millington Drake and Miss Oakley Williams for this unique statuette of Miss Nightingale. Warm appreciation of Miss Macdonald's kindness was expressed.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported on the daily activities of the College. She reported that the repainting of the front of the house would be completed by the end of May.

TO CONSIDER AGENDA OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DATE.

Owing to the stress of work due to the International Congress of Nurses which will be held in July, it was agreed

unanimously to leave the date of the Annual Meeting of the Fellows and Members of the College to be arranged by the President in conjunction with the Treasurer.

TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF TWO FELLOWS AND ONE MEMBER TO THE COUNCIL.

This year the retiring Councillors will be Miss F. M. Campbell, Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Fellows, and Miss E. F. Eburah, Member, the loss of whose services was sincerely regretted.

The President reported that one Nomination duly supported by six Fellows for Election to the Council had been received for Miss E. Brodie, Matron, Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow, and the Council unanimously confirmed Miss Brodie's Nomination.

As no other Nominations for election to the Council had been received there would be no Election and it remained for the Council to nominate one Fellow and one Member to the Council.

The President reminded the meeting that it was the aim of the College to have the various sections of nursing represented by experts. It proceeded to nominate two persons on this principle.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Miss A. M. Bushby (for the Royal Mementos collection)—Two King Edward VIII China Coronation Mugs, inscribed on one side: "The Uncrowned King." "This mug was made in 1936 in anticipation of the Coronation of King Edward VIII in May, 1937. On the 10th of December, 1936, after reigning 10 months and 21 days, the King abdicated and His Brother George VI succeeded to the Throne. God Save the King." (On the other side): The Royal Standard with Crown above, Rose, Thistle and Shamrock beneath. (Inside the mug): Painted in colour is the King's Orb, the Royal Sceptre, the Rose, Thistle and Shamrock. Fine English Crystal Coronation Tankard on which the Crown and G.R. VI., May, 1937, is chased in gold and blue lettering.

Miss I. Macdonald.—£20 for two coaches, one for the Royal British Nurses' Association, and one for the British College of Nurses, for visit of Grand Council I.C.N. to the grave of Miss Nightingale, July 16th, 1937.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

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

OTHER BUSINESS.

Miss Vian drew the attention of the Council to the Voluntary Hospitals Report and agreed to bring up the points relevant to the Nursing Profession at the next meeting.

The Meeting then terminated.

FIXTURES.

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 3rd, 1937, at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, at 3 p.m., at which the President will take the Chair.

AGENDA.

1. The Presentation of the Annual Report.
2. The Financial Report from the Treasurer.
3. The appointment of Auditors.

Reception and Tea at 4.30 p.m. All Fellows and Members are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting and Reception, and thus encourage the Council in its arduous work for their professional interests, and prove their sympathy with one another.

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