

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

A Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held on Saturday, June 19th, 1937, at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, at 2.30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, The Minutes were confirmed and signed.

RETIRING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

The President, on rising, stated that having completed their term of Office on the Council it was with very sincere regret that it would lose the very valuable expert services of the retiring members, Miss F. M. Campbell, Miss E. L. Macaulay, Fellows, and Miss E. F. Eburah, Member, and proposed that a warm vote of thanks for their loyal help during their period of office should be conveyed to them, which was carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING.

It was reported that letters had been received:—(a) From Miss Elizabeth Brodie, stating that she has received the official information that she has been appointed to the Council of the British College of Nurses with great pleasure, and stating she was prepared to serve the College and take an interest in its work. The Chairman reminded the meeting that Miss Brodie had previously served on the Council, greatly to its advantage.

(b) From Miss Dorothy D. Tilby, saying that she feels honoured that the Council has nominated her for office as a member of the Council in place of Miss F. M. Campbell, that she will do her best to justify the confidence placed in her by the Council, and will be happy to serve at any time in any way.

(c) From Miss Dorothy M. Dickinson, stating that she has much pleasure in accepting the invitation of the Council to represent the Members on the Council of the British College of Nurses, and that she has been appointed Matron of St. Mary's Hospital for Women and Children, Plaistow.

It was directed that a letter be sent to Miss Tilby, Fellow, and Miss Dickinson, Member, that their nominations to the Council were unanimously confirmed.

Letter from G. H. Gater, Esq., Clerk to the London County Council, stating the relevant conditions to the Council's consent for the use of the buildings (35 and 37, Portland Place, St. Marylebone), as headquarters for the International Broadcasting Company, which are as follows:

1. The external appearance of the premises fronting Portland Place being maintained in all respects as that of private dwelling houses.
2. No injury to the amenities of the area being caused by the use of the premises and no disturbance of occupiers of adjoining premises being caused by noises or apparatus in the building.

3. No signs or advertisements other than a small brass or similar name-plate being exhibited on the premises.

Letter from Miss P. Oakley Williams, of thanks for nice letter, also for the appreciation of the Statuette of Florence Nightingale she gave to the College through Miss Macdonald, in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

Letter from Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., of thanks for sympathy conveyed to her from the Council concerning her accident, and stating that she will soon be allowed to travel, and looks forward to visiting the College in the near future.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from Miss D. Bignell, M.B.C.N., stating that she has been appointed Matron of the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Dartford, Kent, and asking if there is a book on Hospital Organisation that can be recommended. "Nursing," by Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., and other books were advised.

Letter from a Matron asking for advice re a nurse's claim for salary and holiday allowance, stating that she left to take up another appointment. She had been on duty less than nine months, and expected part of salary and board allowance for an annual holiday, and the question had never arisen before. Reply drafted. Submitted and approved.

Letter from the Registrar, General Nursing Council for England and Wales, stating that as the number of guests invited to the Opening Ceremony on the afternoon of June 24th, 1937, is of necessity strictly limited, the Council propose to hold a Reception during the evening, and enclosing 20 tickets for distribution among the members of the British College of Nurses.

Letter from Miss Riley, sending photographs and reporting the opening of Queen Mary's Hospital at Hong Kong.

Letter from Miss Marjorie Watts, of the National Council of Women of Great Britain, sending particulars of the Annual Meeting and Conference to be held at Bournemouth from 11th to 15th October, 1937, and asking that the name of the College representative be sent before Saturday, July 10th. It was unanimously agreed to communicate with a member, inviting her to act as the College representative at the Conference to be held at Bournemouth.

Letter from Miss E. Ellis, previously Matron of Private Nursing Home in Leicester, saying how much she enjoyed her visit to the College, seeing all the splendid arrangements, and the cultured atmosphere. She wishes she could come more often and enjoy the restful environment of the College.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory Financial Statement for the month.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby explained that owing to the arduous nature of the work in connection with the forthcoming Congress she had been unable to prepare a Report for the History Section.

The President felt she would like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Bushby for her very generous help in the Congress work for which she daily gives hours of arduous work.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported on the daily activities of the College.

TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The President presented the Draft Annual Report, which was received and adopted for presentation to the Annual Meeting.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.—Miniature figures of King and Queen in their Coronation Robes. King George's Jubilee Trust. "The Coronation of Their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth," Official Souvenir Programme.

Miss S. J. Munro.—Autographed Portrait of Lord Ampthill, who had brought the Nurses' Registration Bill into the House of Lords in 1908, which, owing to his advocacy was "passed without a division at any stage."

Miss F. M. Campbell.—£2 2s. towards flowers for Reception on July 11th.

Miss E. Mackenzie.—5s. for College Congress Fund.

General Nursing Council.—20 Tickets of Invitation from the Chairman and Members of the Council to Reception on the Opening Day of new offices.

Miss Angel.—Flowers and leaves.

Miss Warner.—Souvenir China Ash Trays of Coronation of His Majesty King Edward VIII. May 12th, 1937.

Miss M. Breay.—"An Encyclopædia of London," edited by William Kent.

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