

handed over the gift from your President in my presence to the Hospital Board and doubtless you will hear in due course from the Secretary.

I beg to remain,
Yours gratefully,
J. W. CRAVEN,
Medical Superintendent.
Auckland Hospital, Park Road, C.3.
December 8th, 1936.

Miss Alice Bryson,
Secretary, The British College of Nurses,
39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

Dear Miss Bryson,—Will you please convey to the President and Council of the British College of Nurses my very sincere thanks for the card on which was inscribed the presentation of the "Nightingale Brick" to my Board. I do sincerely appreciate all your kindness and my staff are thrilled at having such a valuable link with Miss Florence Nightingale.

I presented the Brick and the inscribed Card to my Board and at present they have it in safe keeping. A very large building scheme for a new Hospital is at present under consideration and should it not be decided that extensions to the Nurses' Home be undertaken in the near future, I am having a glass case made for the Brick where it will be on view in the Social Hall until it can be incorporated in the new building.

I have the picture of Florence Nightingale framed and hung in the Social Hall and the one of Elizabeth Fry in the Lecture Hall, and they both look very well indeed.

Thanking you once more for all you did for me while in London.

Yours faithfully,
E. M. NUTSEY,
Lady Superintendent.

It was reported that again this year a letter had been sent from Mr. A. J. Stanley, Mayor of Walsall, stating that Sister Dora's Birthday would be honoured on January 16th, and sending invitation to the Council to be present.

Letter from the Mayor of St. Marylebone *re* arrangements which are about to be made by the Local Authorities for the instruction of the public in Anti-Gas and Air Raid Precautions, and First Aid in Air Raid casualties.

Letter from a Superintendent Nurse of a Municipal Institution, *re* Resolution concerning "Status and Tenure of Senior Poor Law Officers," asking for advice as to the position of Senior Poor Law Officers having regard to the provisions of the Resolution and also information as to the usual attitude of the Minister of Health in cases in which he is approached for the purpose of obtaining his consent for the dismissal of an officer on account of sickness.

It was agreed that a considered reply should be sent.

Letters of thanks for Grant to take a Course in First Aid in Chemical Warfare, and stating they have obtained the Certificate of the British Red Cross Society from: Miss D. Barlow, Miss M. Wakefield, Miss E. J. Clarke, and Mrs. Woodcock.

Letter from Miss E. Trenaman, Australia, notifying the death of Miss Caroline Leahy, F.B.C.N. A letter of sympathy to be sent to Miss Trenaman.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

Applications for Membership were received, and the applicants were elected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented the financial Statement for the month.

THE REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby, Chairman, reported

1. Since the last meeting of the Council I have obtained a letter from Miss Nightingale, also a letter about the

above from Lady Canning. These letters have been bought by money given by Miss F. M. Campbell and myself.

Through the courtesy of Dame Alicia Lloyd Still I have been able to find out from Miss Nightingale's own Register all about Miss Tattersall, both letters are about this Crimean nurse.

2. Edward VIII's Coronation plate, given by A. M. Bushby.

3. Cup and saucer. Coronation King Edward VIII, given by Miss A. M. Bushby.

4. Two Dame Laura Knight's mugs, Coronation Edward VIII, also medals.

5. Set of Edward VIII stamps, also set surcharged "Morocco" and "Tangiers." These are the only foreign agencies to have Edward VIII stamps.

The President thanked Miss Bushby for the trouble she had taken, and for her most interesting gifts.

FINANCIAL HELP FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NURSES.

The Chairman reported that Miss Muriel Edwards, Assistant Secretary, I.C.N., had been seconded from Geneva to perform the duties of Secretary to the Congress Arrangements Committee and that the College had provided an office in which she could carry on her duties. This had formed a very convenient arrangement, as the onerous duties of preparing for the Congress in July were of a very strenuous nature. The meeting then considered financial help for the organisation of the Congress and agreed to give a donation of £25. It was reported that the £1,000 asked for last year had already been subscribed by members of many of the affiliated organisations of the N.C.N., but that expenses were heavy and all help possible would be appreciated.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Miss H. Lamb, £1 1s.; Miss I. Hutton (for flowers), 5s.; Anonymous, 18s.; Miss A. M. Bushby (flowers), 2s. 6d.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next monthly Meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, February 20th, at 2.30 p.m. The Meeting then terminated.

OBLIGATION.

Miss Muriel Jean Fairminer, Member, took the Obligation, and was welcomed into the College by the Council, with whom she took tea.

FIXTURES.

February 20th.—Monthly Meeting of the Council. 2.30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION CLASSES.

By the kind consent of the authorities concerned the Administration Class of the British College of Nurses will visit—

(1) On Thursday, February 11th.—The New Medical College of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

(2) On Tuesday, March 9th.—The Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Brockley Hill, Stanmore.

Fellows and Members wishing to attend the class on March 9th are requested to communicate with the Secretary, The British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, W.1, as soon as possible.

LECTURES.

March 2nd.—A Lecture by Dr. F. FitzGerald, F.R.C.S., on "The Care of the Feet." 3 p.m.

March 18th.—A Lecture on "Old St. Paul's," by R. H. Finch, Esq., A.R.I.B.A. 3 p.m.

As the members of the International Congress of Nurses may, by permission of the Chapter, attend a Special Service at St. Paul's Cathedral on July 18th, at 9.30 a.m., when the Archbishop of Canterbury has consented to speak, this lecture by so eminent an archæologist as Mr. R. H. Finch should be of the greatest interest to members of the College who intend to be present at the Special Service. Members may bring friends.

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