

MUTUAL CONGRATULATIONS.

The Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING has received from the Registrar of the General Nursing Council for the Irish Free State an expression of "the Council's deep appreciation of the Article on the Publication of the Results of the Council's Examination in the Irish Free State. It made very pleasant reading."

We are hoping the progressive policy in this particular adopted in the Irish Free State will be followed at an early date in England and Scotland. Nothing would give our Registered Nurses greater satisfaction after all their hard work than such public recognition.

ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND MUST LOOK TO THEIR LAURELS.

It will be remembered that on October 2nd, 1934, the Council of the British College of Nurses, on the initiative of Miss M. S. Cochrane, adopted unanimously and sent the following resolution to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales:—

"That the General Nursing Council for England and Wales be requested to publish in the general Press the names of successful candidates in the Final State Examinations, as is the custom of other Statutory and Professional Bodies."

At a meeting of the G.N.C. on October 26th it was reported that to publish the results of the examination in one paper would cost £300 a year and that was a specially reduced fee.

It was proposed by Dr. Collins, seconded by Miss Sparshott, that the Resolution be laid upon the table—in other words, be not considered and treated with contempt.

Presumably this autocratic attitude was reconsidered, as at its meeting on November 17th, a reply was received from the General Nursing Council expressing the opinion that: "In view of the fact that each candidate receives an individual notification, it was decided that such publication was not necessary. On enquiry, moreover, it was found that to publish the names would be exceedingly costly."

A letter was then addressed by the British College of Nurses to the Council deprecating an attitude of indifference to the Registered Nurses' Professional Status, both in laying the letter addressed to it on the table and in its decision to take no action.

COST OF EXAMINATION.

The fact that to conduct a recent examination cost £10,000, that thousands have been spent in erecting palatial Headquarters in Portland Place, London, and that at its recent meeting the Council agreed to spend £10,000 in furnishing the same—*every penny of which the Registered Nurses provide*,—inspires us to express the hope that following the example of the Irish Free State Council, £300 of their own money may be forthcoming to benefit the nurses individually—by giving publicity in the Press to their professional attainments, is the hope of sanguine progressives in the nursing world.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The Monthly Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held on Saturday, February 20th, at 39, Portland Place, London, W., at 2.30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the chair, and there were present Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Vice-President; Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss F. M. Campbell, Miss G. Le Geyt, Miss I. Macdonald, Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Miss S. H. Vian, Fellows; and Miss C. E. Nelson, D.N., and Miss E. F. Eburah, Members.

Prayers having been read, the Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed and signed.

Regrets for absence were received from Miss M. Breay, Vice-President, and Miss D. de M. Warren, D.N.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Recruitment and Training of Nurses.

1. (a) The draft Report received from Sir Harry Pritchard was submitted with the amendments recommended by the delegates of the British College of Nurses who attended the Conference held by the Association of Municipal Corporations and County Council Associations *re* Recruitment and Training of Nurses on December 8th, 1936.

(b) Letter from Miss M. G. Allbutt, *re* further amendments.

(c) Letter from Sir Harry Pritchard (Association of Municipal Corporations), that he will be pleased to receive amendments in due course.

It was agreed that the draft Report, with the amendments, be forwarded to Sir Harry Pritchard for his consideration.

Other matters of a private nature were reported on.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from Head Deaconess, Motherhouse, Kaiserswerth, of thanks to Council for congratulations on their Centenary Festival, and sending two copies of "The Ministry of Women, One Hundred Years of Women's Work at Kaiserswerth, 1836-1936."

Letters of thanks for Christmas greetings and calendars from the following Overseas Members: Miss G. M. Hawthorne, Miss F. Burchell, Miss H. L. Waldron, Miss E. E. Woor, Miss A. A. Byrne, Miss M. E. L. Matthews, and Miss Pearl Morrison.

Letters from National Council of Women of Great Britain: (a) concerning a One-Day Conference on May 6th, to be held by that organisation to celebrate the Coronation, at Hyde Park Hotel, to be followed by a dinner in honour of Lady Aberdeen.

(b) That a Reserve Fund be raised by contributions from all National Councils of Women, such a fund to be used for other purposes than the ordinary secretarial expenses of the Council, and asking for a donation for the fund.

General Nursing Council for England and Wales sending dates of Preliminary and Final State Examinations.

Letter of thanks from Miss Lily Mason for loan of charts, which she has returned, finding them of great use.

The President read the letter received from Miss G. E. Stephenson, F.B.C.N., Hankow, Central China, and it was unanimously agreed that "a Nightingale Brick" be sent.

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