

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, March 20th, 1937, at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, at 2.30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the chair, and there were present Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss F. M. Campbell, Miss I. Macdonald, Miss S. H. Vian, Fellows; Miss D. de M. Warren, D.N., Member.

AGENDA.

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

Regrets for absence were received from Miss M. Breay, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., Miss G. Le Geyt and Miss Eburah.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

PUBLICITY IN THE PRESS OF EXAMINATION RESULTS OF THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

It was reported that in accordance with the decision of the Council at its last meeting, the following Resolution was sent to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales (published in the March issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.)

RESOLUTION.

"At the meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses held on Saturday, February 20th, it was unanimously agreed to call the attention of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to the action taken by the General Nursing Council for the Irish Free State, in publishing in the press the names of successful candidates in the State Examinations for Nurses conducted by it.

"As this advisable publicity was first advocated by the Council of the British College of Nurses in 1934, this Council now urges that the General Nursing Council for England and Wales should reconsider its refusal to grant publicity in the press to its successful examinees."

A reply dated March 3rd, has been received from the Registrar, Miss G. E. Davies—"that by the direction of the Chairman, the letter and Resolution will be placed before the next meeting of the Council."

RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF NURSES.

Letter from Sir Harry Pritchard, Secretary, Association of Municipal Corporations, acknowledging Report as amended by the delegates of the British College of Nurses who attended the Conference on December 8th, 1936.

Further correspondence with Miss A. Moran, was reported.

It was agreed unanimously that Miss Moran be informed that the Council is of the opinion that if she transferred to the Corporation in 1930 without having signed any agreement as to conditions of service, she must, having accepted office under these circumstances, conform to the ruling of the existing body.

Letter from Miss M. Driver, stating that she is Miss Stephenson's colleague and Assistant Matron at the Methodist General Hospital, Hankow, and will be very pleased on returning from leave to take the "Nightingale Brick" presented by the Council of the College, to Miss Stephenson. The "Nightingale Brick" had been sent on March 3rd.

Letter from Miss G. E. Davies, Registrar, G.N.C., notifying March 23rd, to receive a Report concerning application for Coronation seats and to decide date of Ballot.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from Dr. Fenwick expressing thanks and appreciation to the President and Council for flowers and Birthday greetings.

Letter from a member stating that she looks forward to the British College of Nurses helping the trained nurses

under the new scheme in midwifery, as many have to take up the work owing to age and need of a home. . . . "There are many things where we look forward for your help. One thing I think ought to be put forward, and that is for State Registered Nurses to be allowed to wear State Registered Nurses uniform, which is not allowed to some of the nurses although they would provide their own; unfortunately the S.R.N. are in the minority doing the work. . . . I am also a member of the Midwives' Institute, but I think they watch the Midwives' interest only." The Council expressed its sympathy with these views and agreed that further information on the subject be obtained.

Letter from Miss M. Walker, Matron, Maudsley Hospital, of thanks, for article published in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, of the visit of the Administration Class to the Maudsley Hospital.

Letter from Mrs. K. Pryce-Morris of thanks to the Council for sympathy on the death of her sister, Miss R. Crump.

Letter from Miss L. J. Cakebread, M.B.C.N., Montevideo, that she fears the Committee will not renew her contract in April—reasons given as economic.

Letter from a Fellow asking if the College hires out costumes suitable for taking the part of Florence Nightingale. Advised to communicate with Rayne, Ltd., Rupert Street.

Letter from Miss E. Riley, Hong Kong, sending £1 donation to College for Congress Fund, in appreciation of the hospitality she received at the College when on furlough.

Miss R. Darwin, enquiry *re* Courses of Training for Mental Nurses. Advice sent.

General Nursing Council for England and Wales sending copy of analysis of replies to questionnaire issued to Registered Nurses during 1936 (published in February issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.).

This leaflet is of a very interesting nature.

Letter from W. Roberts, Esq., Joint Hon. Secretary, National Joint Committee for Spanish Relief.

Miss G. Bogyo, representative for Great Britain, International Women's Week, sending particulars *re* Programme for Conference at Budapest, August 5th to 12th.

This Conference of Women inaugurated by the women of Hungary in 1936, proved of great interest and value.

Owing to the Quadrennial Congress of the I.C.N. in London in July, it was agreed that few nurses would be able to attend at Budapest.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

Applications for membership were received and all were elected.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory Financial Statement for the month.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby, Chairman, reported that she had been most fortunate in being able to procure a most rare book entitled "Wonderful Adventures of Mrs. Seacole in Many Lands," who had worked in the Crimea, and she intended, as soon as she could, to study the very interesting details of its story, and she was pleased to present it to the History Section.

The President thanked Miss Bushby for her generosity, and the Report was adopted.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary presented an interesting report on the daily activities of the College.

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 F. M. Campbell, Miss E. L. Macaulay,

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