

O.B.E., R.R.C., Fellows; and of Miss E. F. Eburah, Member, who would complete their term of three years of office in July.

It was agreed to publish the Notice of Election as heretofore in the April issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING—two vacancies for Fellows and one vacancy for Member.

The President reminded the Council that in nominating representatives for the Council it was well to keep in mind that the custom had been, if possible, to have all branches of Nursing represented by experts on their executive body. This term they would lose most unfortunately Miss F. M. Campbell (Infectious Diseases), and Miss E. A. Macaulay (Mental Diseases), and Miss E. F. Eburah (Private Nursing), a very serious loss to their deliberations.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.—Very rare marble Statuette of "Miss Nightingale and a Wounded Soldier," engraved by J. H. Baker from the group by T. Phylffers for Mrs. Bracebridge.

Miss M. Breay.—The History of the "War with Russia," by Henry Tyrrell, Esq. Six vols., finely illustrated.

Miss A. M. Bushby.—2s. for flowers.

Miss E. Riley, Hong Kong.—£1 for British College of Nurses I.C.N. Congress Appeal Fund.

Miss E. M. Waind.—£10 for British College of Nurses I.C.N. Congress Appeal Fund.

Mrs. Hamilton Gibson.—£2 2s. for British College of Nurses I.C.N. Congress Appeal Fund.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.—"Seven Stages of Childhood," by Dr. E. Sloan Chesser.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.—"A Doctor at Work and Play," by Sidney H. Snell, M.D.

It was unanimously agreed that a letter of warm thanks be sent to Miss Breay, conveying the Council's appreciation of her generous gift.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, April 17th, at 2.30 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS.

THE CORONATION PROCESSION.

The President proposed from the chair that a Vote of Thanks be sent to the Right. Hon. Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., Minister of Health, expressing the appreciation of the Council that a number of seats had been allocated to the Nursing Profession, to enable Registered Nurses to view the Coronation Procession on May 12th.

This motion was carried unanimously.

The International Council of Nurses.

The Members of Council were urged to apply for Congress Tickets—and advise others to do likewise, at the earliest possible date, to prevent congestion in the Registration Bureau later. It was reported that Miss Gullan attended daily at the Congress Office, at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, to deal expeditiously with the application for tickets. The Meeting then terminated.

OBLIGATIONS.

Several members attended and took the Obligation; they were welcomed into the College by the Council with whom they took tea.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF EXAMINATION RESULTS FOR REGISTERED NURSES.

The following communication has been received from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES, 20, Portland Place, London, W.1.

March 22nd 1937.

DEAR MADAM,—I am directed to inform you that the General Nursing Council for England and Wales has

considered your letter of 26th February, 1937, containing a resolution requesting the Council to reconsider its refusal to publish in the press the names of candidates successful in the State Examinations.

My Council directed me to state that it has been ascertained that these results would not be accepted for publication as an item of news as they are not of sufficient general interest. To publish the results in the form of an advertisement would be a costly matter. The Council therefore decided to adhere to their former decision not to publish the results in the general press.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) G. E. DAVIES,
Registrar.

The Secretary,

British College of Nurses,
39, Portland Place, W.1.

A report of the discussion on this matter of importance to the Nursing Profession as a whole appears in the Report of the proceedings of the meeting of the General Nursing Council, held on March 19th, on page 101, together with our Editorial comments.

As both the Scottish and Irish Free State Councils publish Examination Results, we advise English Nurses to claim the same privilege. The work of their Governing Body costs upwards of £30,000 a year; surely a few hundreds can be usefully expended in giving publicity to the fact that they have attained professional efficiency and legal status. The claim that the attainment of efficiency after systematic training and examination of the country's nurses is "not of sufficient general interest as an item of news," proves that it is high time the public should be instructed through the Press in a matter of such vital importance to its own standards of health and happiness. It is also time the General Nursing Council realised its duty to the public in this matter.

FIXTURES.

April 17th.—Monthly Meeting of the Council.

LECTURE.

April 27th.—A Lecture on "Detachment of the Retina," by Dr. E. F. King, at 8 p.m. (Lantern Slides.)

GOOD NEWS.

All her fellow members of the College will learn with sincere pleasure that Miss M. Breay, F.B.C.N., First Vice-President, is again in residence at 39, Portland Place, W. With her life-long devotion to duty she has realised the strain of Congress organisation, and at her earnest request is to be permitted to help to lighten the burden for others.

WINGED HERALDS OF SPRING.

Each morning as that breathless hour draws nigh
When shades of night retreat into the west,
And dawn advances in the eastern sky,
My ear is softly sleepily caressed
By singing of the birds in trees nearby—
"Awaken Slumbering World, for it is Spring!"
But barren trees and frosted ground belie
Their joyous trilling message—still they sing!

O can it be that these blithe featherlings
Of knowledge more than mortal are possessed?
Perhaps the Loving Heart that gave them wings,
With prescience also made them doubly blest.

To-day I plucked a scilla frail and blue,
So Spring is really here—the songsters knew!

—MARGARET WRIGHT RITCHIE, '23.
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