

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

A meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, W.1, on Saturday, May 21st, at 2.30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the chair and there were present Miss G. Le Geyt, Miss I. Macdonald, Miss D. G. Tilby, Fellows, and Miss D. M. Dickinson and Miss D. de M. Warren, Members.

Regrets for absence were received from Miss M. Breay, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss E. Brodie, Miss S. Vian, Miss M. S. Cochrane, Miss Nelson, owing to stress of work and holidays.

BUSINESS ARISING.

The splitting of the Preliminary State Examination.

In accordance with the decision of the last meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses, held on April 23rd, a letter was sent to the Chairman and Council of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. (Inserted on page 157).

CORRESPONDENCE.

Card from Mrs. Watts, General Secretary, N.C.W., acknowledging notification of Miss Cochrane's appointment as the delegate of the British College of Nurses to the Annual Meeting and Conference to be held at the Seymour Hall, London, W.

Letter from Mrs. E. Wates, expressing warm thanks on behalf of herself and her daughter Margaret, to the President and Council for letter of congratulations to the latter on her marriage.

Several letters of thanks for advice, concerning professional difficulties, which had been most helpful, especially where legal proceedings might have resulted.

Letters regretting inability to attend Air Raid Precaution lectures being held at the College, and asking for advice as to the best means of being of public service in the event of the outbreak of war.

Correspondents recommended to communicate with the Deputy Director-General, the Territorial Army, the War Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

Several letters of thanks for success in obtaining temporary work and permanent posts.

A NIGHTINGALE BRICK.

Letter from Mrs. M. F. Hannelley, R.V.C.N.
DEAR MISS STEWART BRYSON,

At last I am in a position to write and inform you that after a sea trip of over 10 weeks, we arrived safely, but at the port of Bunberry, so came up to Perth by train.

Since then I have phoned and written to the Secretary and also the Matron of the Fremantle Public Hospital.

Needless to say they are delighted to hear of the Nightingale Brick.

In less than eight weeks' time the new three-storied Nurses' Home will be finished, and before it is the "N. Brick" is to be built into the wall in a prominent position near the front door, and a plate with suitable inscription placed near by.

A garden fête or other function is to be held at which the matter will receive publicity.

I feel that the matter concerns *Nurses* more than Boards or Committee, and so does Miss Yeates, Secretary of the A.T.N.A.

Many people have seen the Brick, and *all* are interested.

Again thanking your College and with kind regards to you, the President and Council (in which my husband joins).

I remain, Yours sincerely,

MADGE F. HANNELLEY, R.V.C.N.

Fremantle Hospital, Alma Street, Fremantle, W.A.

March 25th, 1838.

Mrs. M. F. Hannelley.

DEAR MADAM,

Your letter of March 17th in regard to a brick removed from the home of the late Florence Nightingale was submitted to the last meeting of my Board, and I am now in a position to advise that the members present expressed pleasure that you had been sufficiently interested in the work of this hospital to take the action referred to, and we will be very pleased indeed to receive the brick, to be incorporated in the new wing of the Nurses' quarters, now being erected.

Again thanking you for the interest displayed.

Yours faithfully,

A. T. HOOKWAY, *Secretary.*

Letter from Miss H. G. Ballard that, owing to the death of her mother, she will be unable to attend the Round Table Committee meeting and thanks for sympathy expressed to her.

Letter from Miss G. Davies, Registrar, General Nursing Council for England and Wales, sending gift of the Register of Nurses for 1938 from the Chairman.

A gift of the Scottish Nurses' Register to the President also received from the Registrar, the General Nursing Council for Scotland.

Letter from Mrs. E. A. Cotter (*nee* Woolley) that she was married in December last, and is returning from South Africa on July 15th for a visit.

Invitation from the Chairman and Members of the Visiting Committee of the Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone, for two representatives of the B.C.N. to the opening of the Admission Hospital and Convalescent Villas on Friday, May 27th, at 2.45 p.m.

National Council of Women. Programme and letter from Mrs. Watts, General Secretary, *re* The International Council of Women's Golden Jubilee.

Letter from Miss C. E. Nelson, D.N., a member of the Council, stating that she has been appointed Matron of the General Hospital, Northampton. The Council desired that a letter be sent from the Council to Miss Nelson, congratulating her sincerely upon her appointment and wishing her success.

Several invitations to functions were received.

THE REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The report of the Education Committee Meeting was presented.

Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., was in the chair.

Since the last meeting of the Committee excellent lectures of a varied character had been well attended and much appreciated. The Administration Classes as usual were patronised with great interest by Fellows and Members. A course of lectures on Air Raid Precautions had also given great satisfaction to many members who could conveniently avail themselves of this course.

It was agreed to recommend that grants towards the expenses in the following be considered for the year 1938-1939:—

1. *One grant of £7 to take a Course on Nutrition and Food Values, Practical Dietetics and Artisan Cookery at Battersea Polytechnic.*

2. *One grant of £10 or two grants of £5 each towards expenses for Housekeeping Course.*

3. *Two grants of £2 2s. each to take a Course of Lectures and Examination at the Tropical Diseases Hospital, Endsleigh Gardens.*

4. *One grant towards the expenses of Health Visitors' Course.* It was agreed to recommend that any further educational grants be left to the discretion of the President.

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