

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The Monthly Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1., on Saturday, June 18th, 1938, 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 I. Macdonald, Fellows, Miss D. M. Dickinson and Miss D. de M. Warren, Members.

Prayers having been read, the Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.

Regrets for absence were received from: Miss M. Breay, Miss E. Brodie, Miss G. Le Geyt, Miss S. Vian and Miss D. Tilby, Fellows, and Miss C. E. Nelson, Member.

BUSINESS ARISING.

NEW MINISTER OF HEALTH.

As directed by the Council the following letter was sent to the Right Honble. Walter E. Elliot, M.C., M.P., upon his appointment as Minister of Health.

DEAR SIR,

The Members of the Council of the British College of Nurses note with pleasure that you have been appointed Minister of Health for England, as we have grateful memories of the very kind help you gave us during the passing of the Nurses' Registration Act in the House of Commons, in 1919.

My Council desires to congratulate the Nursing Profession on your appointment as it is associated in many ways with the work of the Ministry of Health, and to express the hope that you will be good enough to continue your interest in the evolution of the Nursing Profession which, as you know, is at present in a somewhat disorganised condition.

I am,

Yours faithfully,
ETHEL G. FENWICK,
President.

To which the Minister replied:—

DEAR MADAM,

Mr. Elliot has asked me to thank you for your letter of the 25th May, and to say that he much appreciates the good wishes of the Council of the British College of Nurses.

Yours faithfully,
S. F. S. HEARDER,
Private Secretary.

CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL.

Letters expressing their pleasure that they have been appointed to serve on the Council have been received from:—

(a) Miss E. F. Brownsdon, Fellow, stating that she appreciates the honour and trusts she shall prove a worthy Fellow of it.

(b) Miss M. M. Ingman, that she is delighted that she has been appointed to serve as a Fellow on the Council, an honour she greatly appreciates and that she will do all she possibly can to serve in the interests of the Council.

(c) Miss K. M. Fogarty, who expresses her pleasure that she is appointed to serve as a Member on the Council of the British College of Nurses and that she much regrets that having to sit for her Final Examination for the Sister Tutor's Certificate on July 4th, will prevent her attending the Annual Meeting on that day.

Letter of thanks from Miss C. E. Nelson, M.B.C.N., for congratulations upon her new appointment as Matron of the General Hospital, Northampton.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters from four members reporting breakdown in health. Help offered. Letters of appreciation of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

Letter from Mrs. Lampard, F.B.C.N., sending a donation of 10s. to the Nightingale Thanksgiving Box, and enquiring for a full report of the paper which Sir Aldo Castellani presented before the Royal Society of Arts on "The Hygienic Measures and Hospital Organisation of the Italian Expeditionary Forces during the Ethiopian War 1935-36," published in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, as it would be of immense value to the Health Service in that country (Baghdad) if translated into Arabic. A letter, together with the Report, has been sent to Mrs. Lampard.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Re nomination of:—

(a) Hon. Officers.

(b) Representative of affiliated societies to the Executive Committee. To be sent not later than Saturday, July 2nd.

(c) Preliminary List of Resolutions for Representative Council Meeting, London, 14th-16th October, 1938, to be returned before Saturday, July 9th.

(d) Re Parliamentary and Legislative Sectional Committee—asking for College representative for coming year. Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., consented to continue to act.

It was agreed unanimously:—

(a) To nominate Miss C. C. du Sautoy to act as the College Representative on the Affiliated Societies to the Executive Committee.

(b) Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., expressed her willingness to act as the College Representative at the Annual Meeting and Congress of the N.C.W., to be held in London, October 14th to 16th, 1938.

Letter from Howard League for Penal Reform asking the British College of Nurses to support the opposition to Corporal Punishment, that a clause to this effect be included in the Reform Bill.

It was agreed to communicate with the Howard League to ask what the League would suggest as a corrective substitute in the event of the abolition of Corporal Punishment for crimes of cruelty or violence.

Letter from the National Vigilance Association and International Bureau asking for support of the Resolution in relation to adoption abroad of British children.

It was agreed to reply that the Council of the College would unanimously support the Resolution recognising the necessity for the protection of children taken out of the country.

From American Nightingale Students. Letters from Miss Ruth Wheelock, and Miss Thressa Mambuca expressing sincere appreciation for the delightful visit paid by the four international Florence Nightingale students to the College on the 14th inst., when the President, Mrs. Fenwick, extended hospitality to them and gave them a brief résumé of the history of nursing organisation, national and international, and presented them with "A little bit of Old England," Staffordshire pottery in blue and white.

Letter from Mrs. W. Munson, Associate Editor, *American Journal of Nursing*, who visited the College with the American students.

Letter from Miss Chitson, F.B.C.N., sending syllabus of South West Essex Technical College, pointing out that among subjects offered for tuition "Nursing" was included, and asking "What about the training schools?"

A large number of letters of a private nature were discussed and helpful suggestions put forward for reply.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

Applications for membership were received and all the applicants were elected.

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