

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President, presented a satisfactory Financial Statement for the month.

SHORT STATEMENT OF ROUND TABLE COMMITTEE.

The President, in presenting the Report of the Second Meeting of the Round Table Committee, explained that further memoranda had still to be considered and discussed.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported on the daily activities of the College.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The President submitted the Twelfth Annual Report to the Meeting and it was agreed to insert any addition required to bring it up to date at the discretion of the President.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN CONFERENCE.

A letter from Miss Villiers, Hon. Secretary of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, invited the Council to submit subjects for discussion at the forthcoming Conference in the autumn.

The Council agreed to do so—as basic principles of nursing organisation and education required consideration. How to maintain the intellectual freedom and self government of the nursing profession was considered of vital importance, rights which have been so long denied that the community is apparently incapable of realising their significance.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council to be held on Saturday, July 23rd, at 2.30 p.m.

The Meeting then terminated.

The Council had the pleasure of entertaining to tea Miss Elizabeth Mosey, R.R.C., from Hong Kong and Miss T. Franklin from Australia, the Misses Cowie from Scotland, Miss Hutton and other members of the College.

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

The Twelfth Annual General Meeting of Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W., on July 4th, 1938, at 3 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the chair in her Robes of Office, supported by Dr. Bedford Fenwick, Treasurer and Trustee, and the Councillors in their Robes of Office. There was a large attendance of Fellows and Members, evidently deeply interested in the College progress.

The President called upon the Secretary, Miss A. Stewart Bryson, to read the notice convening the meeting. This having been done and prayers having been read the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The President then presented the Twelfth Annual Report for 1937-38, which recorded the tremendous amount of work accomplished during the past year by the Council.

The very greatest economy had been exercised in the conduct of the finances and three voluntary workers had enjoyed serving the College.

In reference to the Ministry of Health's refusal to give important Nurses' Organisations representation on the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services, the

President pointed out that the nurses must themselves stand firmly for self expression and control of their own affairs.

Miss D. Warren then proposed, and Miss Swaby Smith seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that the Report be adopted.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr. Fenwick, on rising, said that he had much pleasure in presenting the audited accounts for the past year, explained them and moved the Resolution: "That the audited accounts to June 30th be received and adopted and a printed copy entered on the Minutes."

Dr. Fenwick thought the balance, £1,300, a very satisfactory one, and that the return on income tax again this year very gratifying. A sum had been saved in support of a Pension Fund, and he had much pleasure in moving the adoption of the Report, which was carried with acclamation.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS.

The Treasurer moved: "That Mr. H. Rendall Gothard be appointed Auditor for the College for the ensuing year." This was agreed.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS TO THE COUNCIL.

The President expressed pleasure in welcoming new members to the Council, and asked Miss M. M. Ingman, Fellow, Matron of St. Mary Abbots Hospital, to accept a bouquet of pink larkspur and roses, and proposed that a message of welcome be sent to Miss E. F. Brownsdon, Fellow, Sister-in-Charge, L.C.C. School Treatment Centre, and Miss K. Fogarty, Sister and Assistant Sister Tutor, Fulham Hospital, both of whom were detained by duty and unable to be present.

To the retiring members of the Council, the President, in conveying thanks on behalf of Fellows and Members for their valuable help, invited Miss D. de M. Warren to accept a bouquet of orange coloured lilies and carnations, and expressed regret that Miss G. Le Geyt and Miss S. H. Vian were unable to be present.

Dr. Fenwick then moved the following

RESOLUTION:

"That the most grateful thanks of the Annual Meeting of the British College of Nurses be and hereby are accorded to the President, Vice-Presidents and the Council of the College for their strenuous and most successful work for the College, and also to Miss Alice Stewart Bryson (Secretary), Miss M. R. Angel and Miss B. A. Bowering for the admirable way in which they have fulfilled their duties during the past year."

The President wished to add that Miss Angel had done most faithful and invaluable service of 23 years and Miss Bowering for 21 years, and she would like to express deep appreciation of their valuable work.

Miss Isabel Macdonald, in rising to present the President with beautiful flowers on behalf of the Council, considered it once again her privilege to record a few words on the gratitude she knew that everyone felt for the President's dauntless courage in pursuance of the highest educational ideals and claim of intellectual freedom for the Nursing Profession.

The meeting then terminated.

RECEPTION.

A reception was then held in the Council Chamber and Secretary's office, where summer flowers in profusion gleamed everywhere (many of which were gifts from Miss M. Breay and Mrs. Wates) and tea generous and varied, which included strawberries and raspberries and cream and ices, was greatly appreciated amid greetings between many members and guests.

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