

## 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, July 23rd, 1938, at 2.30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair.

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

### BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Letter from Miss C. du Sautoy, stating that she is willing to stand for nomination to the Executive Committee of the Affiliated Societies of the National Council of Women of Great Britain.

### TWO GRADES OF NURSES.

A letter from a member was read on the matter of recognising two grades of nurses, and expressing disapproval.

The Council unanimously expressed its disapproval on principle of the suggestion that there should be "two grades of nurses," and it was agreed that a letter be sent to the member in this sense.

Reply from Miss C. M. Craven, M.A., J.P., Hon. Secretary, The Howard League for Penal Reform.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### *Interchangeability of Pension Schemes.*

The President placed before the Meeting a letter from Mr. Douglas Kissack, Editorial Services, Ltd., Halifax House, Strand, W.C.2, stating that Sir Edward Penton, Chairman of the Council of the Federated Superannuation Scheme for Nurses and Hospital Officers, and his Council would be grateful for any reference that could be given in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING to his speech delivered at the College of Nursing on July 20th, in which he advocated that the demand for the interchangeability of pension schemes for nurses should receive the approval of Parliament, the Departmental Officers on the one hand, and the Federated scheme on the other.

The President advised giving publicity in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING as the subject was one of interest to members of the profession generally.

On this subject, Miss Tilby suggested that a scheme might be organised on the same lines as that of the National Health Insurance.

#### *Citizen Nurses must understand Nursing Politics.*

A letter from Miss D. de M. Warren, M.B.C.N., retiring member of Council.

Putney Hospital, S.W.15.

DEAR PRESIDENT,

I was very touched to receive a bouquet to-day so unexpectedly. After all, I did nothing than sit at the feet of wisdom and try to learn the ins and outs of Nursing Politics.

I shall always be grateful to you for the vast amount you have taught me during these two years. I hope some day to have learnt sufficient to be of real use.

Yours very sincerely,

DOROTHY DE M. WARREN.

#### *Patriotic Work.*

Letter from Miss I. Dance, M.B.C.N., stating:—

"As my home duties prevent me from continuing in full-time nursing work, I joined the British Red Cross Society over two years ago. Last November the Sussex Red Cross selected me for an Anti-Gas Course held at Winterbourne Gunner, the Military Anti-Gas School—a course held once a year for V.A.D.s. I was fortunate enough to obtain the Army "D" Certificate, which enables me to both lecture and examine in A.R.P. work.

Since January, when I received my Home Office outfit, I have averaged four to five courses a week, some examinations, in addition to the Red Cross Detachment work, of which I am an Assistant Commandant. It has been a busy time, and promises to be even busier next year, although in Brighton and Hove the response to the call for First Aid workers is so much poorer than in the rest of the county (the country part). As the work entails moving about in a fairly wide area, it is all the more interesting—meeting all sorts of people, seeing different arrangements. Also the people at the lectures and examinations are all so very keen. The Red Cross also draw upon me for lecturing on Home Nursing and Child Welfare.

It is a long time since I have been able to make any report likely to be of any interest, but as A.R.P. work is so much to the front, I thought you might care to know that one of the members was an Instructor to the Public."

Letter to the President from Mrs. Enid E. Fox, Organising Secretary, Hospitals, Nursing, Midwives and Public Health Exhibition.

Letter from Miss G. Davies, Registrar, the General Nursing Council for England, sending notice of dates and Centres for the holding of the October Preliminary and Final State Examination, 1938.

Letter from Miss E. L. Macaulay expressing thanks on behalf of herself and the Staff of the Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone, for the excellent report on the Opening of the Admission Hospital and Villas, in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

Communication from Miss G. E. Stephenson, sending photograph of the first Nightingale Service at Hankow, Central China, on May 12th, 1938. To be filed with Nightingaleiana.

Letter of thanks to be sent to Miss Stephenson for interesting description of Florence Nightingale Memorial Service held in Hankow, China.

Letter from Miss P. Barnwell, President, the Nightingale Class of the Sarnia General Hospital, Ontario, of thanks for photograph of Miss Florence Nightingale sent by the College to that Hospital, also sending a snapshot of the Nightingale Class.

"The picture of Miss Nightingale," she writes, "makes her appear real and more than a wonderful character in nursing history.

"It is our most valuable treasure, and we are very proud of it. It will guide us in our work and inspire us to follow in her footsteps."

A letter expressing the thanks of the President and Council and appreciation, to be sent to Miss P. Barnwell.

### THE ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT.

The President expressed sincere regret that Miss M. S. Cochrane's two years' term of office as Vice-President had terminated, but that her very valuable services were available for another year in the Council. It was therefore necessary to fill the vacancy by electing a new Vice-President.

Miss I. Macdonald proposed and Miss D. G. Tilby seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that Miss A. M. Bushby be appointed a Vice-President to the Council. Miss Bushby having signified her consent to accept office, she was duly elected for two years.

### STANDING COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR.

The following Standing Committees were elected:—

#### EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION.

Chairman.—Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C.

#### POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND LEGAL PROTECTION.

Chairman.—Miss M. Breay.

#### SOCIAL SCHEMES.

Chairman.—Miss I. Macdonald.

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