

## FINANCE.

Chairman.—Dr. Bedford Fenwick (Trustee).

## PUBLIC HEALTH.

Chairman.—Miss E. F. Brownsdon.

## HISTORY OF NURSING.

Chairman.—Miss A. M. Bushby.

## ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

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

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory Financial Statement for the month.

## REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

Miss A. M. Bushby, Chairman, presented a photograph of Miss Nightingale, which she had received as a gift. She also referred to an interesting letter and photograph of Miss Nightingale's mother and sister, which she would present at the next meeting. Miss Bushby was thanked for her generosity in support of the History Section.

## THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported on the various activities of the College during the past month. Since the last meeting of the Council, 1,207 communications had been received, and 1,296 sent out. There had been 27 visitors to the College.

## PROGRESS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES CONFERENCE.

The President reported that in connection with the arrangements made so far for the Conference, it had been decided to hire the Great Hall and the York Hall at Caxton Hall. That on November 10th next there would be four Sessions and an Evening Address.

## LIST OF GIFTS.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick: For Royal Mementoes Collection, fine Rockingham figure of Sir Robert Peel, a Prime Minister to Queen Victoria.

From the President of the Nightingale Fellowship: Catalogue of Exhibition of Papers, etc., relating to Florence Nightingale held at St. Thomas's Hospital during the I.C.N. Congress, July, 1937, to be added to the Nightingale Collection.

Miss M. Brey: £1 for flowers.

Miss G. M. Saddler: 5s. for General Funds.

Mrs. E. Wates: Flowers.

Miss M. Angel: Beech and flowers.

Miss I. Stainton: Flowers.

Miss P. Keen: 5s. for General Funds.

Miss Edith Briggs: Tablecloth made by Miss Mary Rodwell, who was blown up in the Hospital ship *Anglia*, off the coast of Dover with 120 of her men. This cloth was worked nearly 40 years ago. Beautiful piece of hairpin crochet worked by her late sister, Miss Alice Briggs.

## THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

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

The meeting then terminated.

## OBLIGATION.

Two Fellows attended and took the Obligation, and afterwards took tea with the Council.

## FIXTURES.

September 17th.—Monthly meeting of the Council, 2.30 p.m.

## A NEW COUNCILLOR.

The President welcomed with pleasure Miss Ellen F. Brownsdon, a newly elected Councillor at her first attendance at the meeting, whose portrait we are pleased to present. She holds the certificate of the Lewisham Hospital, and the Health Visitors' Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, and is a State Certified Midwife.

Miss Brownsdon's many years' experience as an organiser in connection with the treatment centres of the London County Council has provided unique experience in the care of the school children of London, a service which, during the past twenty years, has rendered the very greatest benefit to the poorer population of the Metropolis.

Miss Brownsdon is a woman of very great public spirit; she has not only been a devoted servant of the London County Council for many years, but has taken a keen interest in national and international organisations. She has been a Director of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and has attended several of the International Quadrennial Meetings, and was one of the four official delegates of our National Council, and deputed to take part in the meeting of the International Council of Nurses in Montreal in 1929.

It will be seen, therefore, that in electing Miss Brownsdon a Councillor of the British College of Nurses, that institution will have the benefit of her invaluable experience and public spirit.

## WHAT OUR FELLOWS ARE DOING.

Miss Alice Torr of Toronto sends us an interesting report of what she terms "A New Thrill in Holidays," and adds, "I do not think you will have many of your members come over to Canada to follow in my footsteps." With this we agree, as in this highly populated little country

women have seldom opportunity of getting beyond what is termed civilization. So thrilled were we when reading Miss Torr's story of her visit to some claims in a gold belt, that her graphic description will appear in our next issue.

In the meantime she offers the following delightful hospitality. "In my past letters I have forgotten to tell you that I have a small comfortable home in Toronto; and as there is not much I can do to help the College, I shall be glad if you know anyone coming to Toronto—or passing through—if you will tell them they will be most welcome to a room, or anything I can give them, so that they may not have to face heavy hotel bills. Any English Nurse will be welcome to the best I have." Now isn't that just lovely?



MISS ELLEN FLORENCE BROWNSDON,  
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Elected a Councillor of the British College  
of Nurses.

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