

## 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, September 17th, 1938, at 2.30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and there were present Miss M. Brey and Miss A. M. Bushby, Vice-Presidents; Miss E. Brodie, Miss E. F. Brownson, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss I. Macdonald, Fellows, and Miss C. E. Nelson and Miss K. M. Fogarty, Members.

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

Regrets for absence were received from Miss M. M. Ingman and Miss D. G. Tilby, Fellows, and Miss D. M. Dickinson, Member.

The President extended a warm welcome to the new Member of the Council present, Miss K. M. Fogarty

Miss Kathleen Mary Fogarty, member British College of Nurses, whose portrait we are here pleased to present, received her general training at the Fulham Hospital, Hammersmith, and is a State Registered Nurse and State Certified Midwife. She holds the position of Sister Tutor in her training school.

The nurses at Fulham Hospital are to be congratulated on their contact with one whose professional outlook is so progressive.

#### RESOLUTION.

The President then proposed from the Chair that a letter of sympathy be conveyed to H.R.H. Princess Arthur of Connaught on the death of her husband, H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught.

This was unanimously agreed with a silent up-standing vote.

#### BUSINESS ARISING.

Letter, in reply to enquiry, from Mr. L. Farrer Brown, Secretary, Central Midwives Board:

"With reference to your letter of July 28th, I have to inform you that there has been no postponement in the date of commencement of training under the new Rules. These Rules are already in force for women who are not general trained nurses and will come into force, as regards general trained nurses, on September 1st next."

This makes it compulsory for Registered Nurses to train in midwifery for 12 months, instead of for six months, as heretofore.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Many letters were received and considered. From Miss B. G. Alexander, South Africa, expressing thanks for the "Nightingale Brick" to be built into the Chapel which is to be erected at the new hospital at Grootte Schuur, Cape Town.

The following letter was received from a member in reply to letter of condolence on the death of her only son, aged 23, a Pilot Officer in the Royal Air Force:

"I was away from home when your very kind letter arrived. I am deeply touched by our President's kind message of sympathy in my very great sorrow. I have read your very kindly worded letter many times; it seems to comfort me and give me new hope. I was always very proud of my boy, he had done exceedingly well at school and in the Service, he truly was of a noble Army and a Christian."

The President felt sure the Council realised the grievous loss this mother had sustained.

#### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Letter from Mrs. Watts, General Secretary, enclosing:—  
Ballot Papers for Election of Hon. Officers.  
Copy of Programme for Conference to be held in London October 14th to 16th, 1938.

Preliminary Agenda and Resolutions in order as selected by ballot.

The Council agreed to support the election of several candidates on the Ballot Paper.

#### MINISTRY OF LABOUR. CHOICE OF CAREERS. NURSING AND KINDRED SERVICES.

In alluding to this publication, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister of Labour stating that as Nursing is a Legalised Profession the Council is of the opinion that the pamphlet, "Careers for Nurses," which concerns Nursing Education and Service, should have been compiled by the Board of Education in conjunction with leading organisations of nurses, and not by the Labour Ministry and lay teachers, as the latter had no expert knowledge to enable them to compile such a pamphlet.

#### THE LAY NURSING PRESS.

A discussion took place on the danger to the personal liberty and professional progress of the Nursing Profession by the circulation of trade nursing journals. Additions to these publications had recently been made in the United States, Canada and Great Britain. Such publications were not

primarily issued for the benefit of Nurses, but naturally for profit.

The President placed some significant figures in this connection before the meeting. The Nursing Profession had a gold mine in their professional Press, but weakly permitted its exploitation by trade groups.

#### 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 two months.

#### OBITUARY.

The very sad news received from the Matron-in-Chief of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service of the death of Mrs. Harry Lampard, R.R.C., on July 27th,



MISS KATHLEEN MARY FOGARTY,  
S.R.N., S.C.M., M.B.G.N.  
Elected a Member of the Council of the British College  
of Nurses.

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