

NURSING CONDITIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EXPERTS.

It was unanimously agreed that the College, in conjunction with the Royal British Nurses' Association, should appoint a small representative committee of experts to consider Nursing Conditions and to agree upon principles in connection with the subjects of reference being considered by the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services, so that action could be taken if necessary.

"ADVENTURE INTO NURSING."

A letter from Miss K. Yeates, F.B.C.N., enclosing a booklet compiled by herself entitled "Adventure into Nursing," a challenge to the girls of to-day.

This booklet aptly sets forth in chapter 1, "Training School," how to apply for training as a nurse, of what training consists. Chapter 2, "After Graduation," the various posts, from Staff Nurse to Matron, open to the Registered Nurse in Hospital, including Obstetric Nursing and X-Ray work. "The World is Calling," Private Nursing and Management of Nursing Homes, old people and chronic sick. Mental Nursing, Army, Navy and Air Force Nursing Services, Overseas Nursing, The Mission Field, Clinics, Public Health Nursing, District Nursing, Child Welfare Department, Women Police, School Nursing, Inspectors, The Nurse in Commerce and Industry, Secretarial Appointments, The Nurse Secretary, Editorial Appointments. Chapter 4, "How can one Prepare?" A charming and comprehensive summary of the wide field of work open to the Registered Nurse. Terminating with a quotation to "Follow the Gleam." In the frontispiece shows a Tree. Stock, Home Life, Education are its roots, the branches represent the great variety of work, the highest annotates the Matron. This would be a guide to Mistresses of Girls' Schools when advising pupils to enter the Nursing Profession.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES IN BETHLEHEM.

Letter from Miss Byrne, M.B.C.N., Matron, Government Hospital No. 2, Bethlehem, expressing thanks for the very handsome Christmas Card, and describing Christmas festivities in Bethlehem: "It may interest you to know that I was in the Courtyard of the Church of the Nativity when the carols were sung on Christmas Eve and broadcast. It was an impressive ceremony and was attended by most of the British people from Jerusalem and from Bethlehem with quite a lot of Arabs and visitors. It was a starry night but cold. The British police and the army were well in evidence, but no disturbing incidents occurred, except a flashlight photograph that was taken, that startled us. What a sigh of relief when we found it was only a photograph after all. I hoped to send you a description of the Midnight Service in the Latin Church on Christmas Eve. If you think it would be useful for publication next Christmas I can do so. It is a very impressive Service and lasts until 2.30 a.m. or 3 a.m. in the morning. There is also another Service in the Shepherds fields at 4 p.m., also on Christmas Eve. The Greek Christmas Feast was held on January 7th this year and the Armenian on January 21st. If you would like details I could let you have them. I read with great interest the account of the International Congress. I was so pleased it was such a success, and it was with great satisfaction I read of the letters of thanks from other countries. Nursing here needs organising, but for various reasons nothing can be done at the moment, chiefly as the country is in such an unsettled state."

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN JUBILEE MEETING.

Letter from The National Council of Women sending particulars of International Council of Women Jubilee Meeting to be held in Edinburgh from July 11th to 22nd, 1938, and sending:—

(a) "Circular of Welcome" to the International Council of Women.

(b) Pamphlet of the Glasgow Exhibition to be held from May to October, to which, at the close of the Congress, an official visit to the Exhibition is being arranged.

Miss Brodie who was present, was invited to act as the College Delegate to the International Congress of Women, to be held in Edinburgh from July 11th to 22nd, 1938, and consented to act as the College representative, expressing pleasure on being chosen.

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, expressed her regret that she had been unable to present a Report this month.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported on the various activities of the College during the past month. There had been many visitors to the College.

ADMINISTRATION CLASS.

The Administration Class of the College visited Holloway Prison on Thursday, February 10th. The Class was unanimous in its expression of it being one of the most interesting classes ever arranged for its members. The Matron, Miss B. Carden, most kindly received and conducted the class over the Hospital and various parts of the Prison, and after providing tea, the class was most kindly received by the Governor and Deputy Governor, when the latter gave a most interesting résumé of the Reform Work carried on at Holloway Prison.

A full class attended, and applications were received from others who would have liked to have attended, but the number could not be exceeded.

TO CONSIDER PUBLICITY REPORTS (CONT.)

The President gave a short résumé of the several publications on current opinion on Nursing Affairs, drawing especial attention to the various expressions of opinion in *Time and Tide* and the *New Statesman and Nation*.

"A Woman's Calling. Charter for Women in the Nursing and Public Health Services of Local Government." Prepared by the National Association of Local Government Officers.

"Questionnaire on Nursing Conditions," from the Council of Action for Peace and Reconstruction.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Miss A. S. Milne.—£1 ls. for Library Books.

Miss V. M. Hersée.—"La Reina Astrid," by Gaston Marchou. (In French.)

NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was unanimously agreed that the next meeting of the Council be held on March 19th, 1938.

OBLIGATIONS.

Members attended and took the obligation and were welcomed into the College by the Council, with whom they took tea.

The meeting then terminated.

FIXTURES.

March 19th.—Monthly Meeting of the Council, 2.30 p.m.

LECTURES.

On Tuesday, February 22nd, 1938, Dr. W. E. Cooke, Associate Physician, Hospital for Tropical Diseases,

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