

Letter from a Fellow proving that already short-term hospital pupils were undertaking Registered Nurses' duties in the home and elsewhere, and war or no war their competition would inevitably be most injurious.

Communications from the National Council of Women, with list of Preliminary Resolutions and voting slip.

Communications from British Federation of Professional Women, from the Women's Freedom League.

Letter and thanks from Miss D. A. L. Crookford for efficient help and sympathy when in trouble in her recent appointment.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT.

It was proposed by Miss Tilby, seconded by Miss Brownsdon, and carried unanimously, that Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., be appointed Vice-President of the College.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN TO SUB-COMMITTEES.

Education and Examination, Miss M. S. Cochrane.
Political, Economic and Legal Protection, Miss E. Brodie.
Social Schemes, Miss A. M. Bushby.
Public Health, Miss E. F. Brownsdon.
History of Nursing, Miss A. M. Bushby.
Finance, Dr. Bedford Fenwick.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The President presented a satisfactory Financial Statement for the month.

THE REPORT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING SECTION.

The Chairman, Miss A. M. Bushby, reported:—

I have pleasure in presenting the following books:—

1. "A Contribution to the Sanitary History of the British Army during the late War with Russia, London, 1856 Published anonymously, Miss Nightingale's 'Roman Hand' was detected. It is the most concise, the most scathing and the most eloquent of all her accounts of the Preventable Mortality which she had witnessed in the East."

2. "Mortality of the British Army at Home and Abroad and during the Russian War as compared with the Mortality of the Civil Population in England, illustrated by tables and diagrams, London 1858."

Blue Book size in stiff lilac paper wrapper.

"It is our Flank March upon the Enemy," she wrote in sending an early copy to Sir John M'Neill, and we might give it the old name of "God's Revenge upon Murder."

3. "Notes on Matters affecting the Health, Efficiency and Hospital Administration of the British Army founded chiefly on the experience of the late War," presented by request to the Secretary of State for War, 8vo. p.p. 567, and subsidiary notes as to the introduction of Female Nursing into Military Hospitals in Peace and in War.

Presented by request to the Secretary of State for War, 2 vols., London 1858, 8vo. pp. 133, stiff lilac paper wrapper. With 23 additional pages (separately numbered) of "Thoughts submitted as to a Evidential Nurses' Provident Fund." Stiff lilac paper wrapper.

These important Reports were not issued to the public; 500 copies of each volume were printed and paid for by Miss Florence Nightingale, £501 12s. 0d. (Cook's Life of Florence Nightingale.)

4. "Sanitary Statistics of the Native Colonial Schools and Hospitals, London, 1863," 67 pp. Lilac paper wrapper, by Florence Nightingale.

5. "Army Sanitation Administrations and its reform under the late Lord Herbert" (read at the London Meeting of Congress De Bienfaisance, June 1862), 11 pp. pamphlet.

6. Addresses presented to Sir John M'Neill, G.C.B., and Colonel Tulloch, with their answers (for private distribution). Edinburgh, 1857, 44 pp. pamphlets.

7. Reply to Sir John Hall's "Observations on the Report of the Sanitary Commission dispatched to the seat of

war in the East, 1855-1856," by John Sutherland, M.D., late Member of Commission.

Note on the Aboriginal Races of Australia (a paper read at the Annual Meeting of the National Association for the Promotion of Social Science, held at York, September, 1864) by Florence Nightingale, 1865. Pamphlet.

"Miss M. M. Ingman has, since I have been in the Board Room, given me £1 towards expenses of the History Section, which I very much appreciate."

The President considered that Miss Bushby's contribution to the History of Nursing Section was unique, and she was sure everyone was most grateful. The President drew the attention of the Council to the Collection in connection with the History of Nursing Section which Miss Bushby has compiled, and the help she has given to the Dominions in this connection, and proposed that Miss Bushby be invited to arrange for six Lectures on the History of Nursing to begin in October. This was agreed. Miss Tilby proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Miss Bushby, which was carried with acclamation.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported on the activities of the College during the month; 1,233 communications had been received and 1,325 had been sent out. There had been many visitors to the College, and many expressions of approval of arrangements at new Headquarters.

OBITUARY.

The President expressed deep regret that she had to report the death of Miss Anne Maria Clatworthy at Dogdean Farm, Salisbury, Wilts, on June 27th, 1939.

Miss Clatworthy received her training at Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton. During her career she held the posts of Sister and Night Sister at the 5th Southern Hospital, Portsmouth, during the war 1914-1918. Miss Clatworthy had been a faithful Fellow of the College since its inception, and her passing is greatly mourned.

LIST OF GIFTS.

Miss Jessie Holmes.—Mahogany Frame made by her Grandfather (100 years old).

Miss Bryson.—Flowers.

Mrs. E. Wates.—Flowers.

Miss M. Angel.—Flowers.

Miss M. M. Ingman.—£1 for the History of Nursing Section.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

As the Council does not meet in August, it was agreed unanimously that the next Meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, September 23rd, at 2.30 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS.

AN IRREPARABLE LOSS.

The President reported the resignation of the Secretary, Miss A. Stewart Bryson, who, owing to ill-health, deeply regretted that she must take this step.

The President said Miss Bryson's devoted service to the College for nearly ten years, as its very active Secretary, was inestimable. She did not know how it would be possible to fill her place. Members of the Council present received the sad news with the very deepest regret.

Miss Bryson was then invited to permit herself to be nominated as a member of the Council to fill one of the new vacancies, so that the College might secure the benefit of her sincere interest in its policy and welfare.

To this Miss Bryson agreed.

Miss Bryson, in accepting, said she looked forward to taking a warm, personal interest in the work of the College—although unable to continue in office as full-time Secretary.

The Meeting then terminated.

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