

M.B.C.N., was received, and she was elected to fill the vacancy on the Council to represent the Members.

The President welcomed the new Councillors and pointed out that they were not new but tried and old friends.

Miss Stewart Bryson, who followed and supported with the greatest interest the College policy of self-help and government.

Miss E. J. Haswell, Fellow, well known for her honourable nursing career, her distinguished military services in the Balkan War in Turkey, and in the Great War in France, and Miss Henrietta Ballard, as Sister-Tutor of long and successful experience.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS.

Messrs. Reeves, Gothard and Farries (Chartered Accountants) were elected auditors for the coming year.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Votes of thanks having been accorded to the Council, the Officers and Staff of the College, and the Chair, the meeting terminated.

A HAPPY SOCIAL GATHERING.

At the close of a most harmonious and appreciative Annual Meeting, Members made a tour of the College, as advised by the President, "to see how well their house and property was cared for," and on all sides expressed their satisfaction and pleasure.

In the History Room they found dear Miss Breay's *prie-Dieu* and lovely crucifix surrounded by roses; the precious Nightingale letters and other items have been hidden away until Victory Day. After a tour of the charming house, where the sun shines in brilliantly through windows front and back, and which was sweet and gay with summer flowers, the members found a delicious home-baked tea in the office and in their Club Room, in spite of sumptuary laws, as several of them had sent liberal "savings" of tea and sugar.

All were in valiant spirit and quite at one with the Premier that Great Britain would defend its glorious heritage if need be to the last ditch! It was good to meet so many old friends and hear of the various duties in which they were engaged for the comfort of the sick and salvation of our stalwart defenders from the homeland and great Dominions, and for the sons of martyred countries, soon, let us hope, to return to the land of their fathers.

OUR NEW COUNCILLORS.

The three Councillors elected at the Annual Meeting are all loyal and devoted friends of the British College of Nurses, and their colleagues may rely upon them for devoted service in support of its principles.

MISS EMILY J. HASWELL, S.R.N., F.B.C.N.

Miss Emily J. Haswell, as we all know, is "a woman of parts," and her nursing career has been of a varied and educational character; since her training days she has circulated around in many countries.

Miss Haswell trained at the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, where she acted as Sister and Night Sister and later as Sister at Leicester Royal Infirmary. She gained extensive Private Nursing experience as a member of the Registered Nurses' Society, from whence came Military Service. In response to an appeal from the British Red Crescent Society, she served in Turkey and Bulgaria during

the Balkan War of 1913, where her varied experience included surgical work and the care of typhoid and typhus patients.

In 1914, in response to a request of the Belgian Red Cross Society, she was one of a party from London which arrived in Brussels one day ahead of the Germans. She was, of course, taken prisoner, but permitted to nurse in a hospital for two months; then, under the term of the Geneva Convention, the English nurses were sent home, a most adventurous journey, of which Miss Haswell was placed in charge. The route chosen for them was *via* Denmark and Norway, where they had marvellous receptions and received unbounded hospitality. Needless to say, Miss Haswell landed her 70 colleagues safely in London, where they were hilariously received. A little later she was commanded by Queen Alexandra to Marlborough House, a command she was unable to obey as she was already at the front in France as a member of the French Flag Nursing Corps, a corps of 250 thoroughly qualified British Nurses organised by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss Grace Ellison, and accepted by



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Elected a Member of the Council, 1940.

the French Minister of War, to serve French sick and wounded in French military hospitals. Miss Haswell was posted as Matron in charge of the large military hospital annexe at Talence, Bordeaux; later going to Paris to assume the duties of Matron-in-Chief of the British Committee of the French Red Cross, which she held until 1919. After these strenuous six years of war work, Miss Haswell wisely took a real holiday. She visited the United States and was warmly received in the leading Nursing Schools.

On her return to Europe, she worked for nearly a year with the Rockefeller Foundation in Paris, which was then establishing Anti-Tuberculosis Dispensaries both in Paris and the Departments.

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