

the High Court of Chancery, and of the consent of the Attorney-General to the Memorandum and Articles of Association which the College was authorised to draft incorporating its title.

It was agreed, on the recommendation of the President, to inquire whether a deputation from the British College of Nurses might be received by the Board of Trade to place facts in connection with these matters before it. Also it was agreed to consult Counsel, if necessary, concerning the action of the Royal College of Nursing, as the Council felt strongly that it had a right to receive in writing a copy of the evidence advanced by the Royal College of Nursing for its objection to the incorporation by the Board of Trade of the British College of Nurses under its present title.

On January 30th, 1942, a deputation from the College consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and the Solicitor was most courteously received by officials of the Board of Trade. These gentlemen then gave interested attention to a Memorandum placed before them by the President, supported by the members of the deputation, concerning the policy of the Royal College of Nursing in its attitude towards the British College of Nurses.

A few days later the Solicitor communicated the good news that the Council's request had been granted by the Board of Trade, and the Registrar had consented to our retaining the title of "The British College of Nurses" with the addition of the word "Limited."

#### The Trust Fund, £98,102 9s. 11d.

The position now is that the funds, the interest of which we are to administer, have to be transferred to the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds, and are represented by investments to the amount of £98,102 9s. 11d.

Although these legal proceedings have occupied much time and consideration, we are pleased to report that Mr. Justice Farwell, who has been such an understanding Judge in connection with the legal proceedings, has approved the scheme for the administration of the Trust Fund, and it is to be hoped that Fellows and Members will take an interest in the financial administration of this considerable sum of money, upwards of £98,000, so that the College may receive the greatest benefit from the Endowment. We do not wish the British College of Nurses, Limited, to be merely a charitable institution, and we urge that each Fellow and Member shall in the future do what they have done in the past, that is, interest Registered Nurses in the Foundation and urge them to join the College as Fellows or Members, so that it may be administered, as it has been in the past, by an intelligent directorate of professional representatives.

In reporting these details the Council heartily congratulates the Fellows and Members of the College on the very satisfactory termination of the legal proceedings.

#### Appointment of President, Vice-President and Members of the Council.

To conform to the new Constitution, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick has been elected and consented to accept the office of the President of the College, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., has been elected Vice-President, and the following members of the Council have all been elected to serve for the terms prescribed by the Rules:—

Miss Henrietta G. Ballard, D.N., S.R.N., M.B.C.N.; Miss Elizabeth Brodie, R.G.N., F.B.C.N.; Miss Alice M. Bushby, S.R.N., F.B.C.N.; Miss Gladys M. Hardy, S.R.N., D.N., F.B.C.N.; Miss Emily J. Haswell, S.R.N., F.B.C.N.; Miss Edith Hussey, S.R.N., M.B.C.N.; Miss Elizabeth Martin, R.R.C., S.R.N., F.B.C.N.; Miss Helena McLoughlin, S.R.N., M.B.C.N.; Miss Susan A. Villiers, J.P., S.R.N., F.B.C.N.

#### Retired Members of the Council.

This year, the three members of the Council due to retire are Miss A. M. Bushby and Miss E. Martin, Fellows; and Miss Edith Hussey, Member.

It is considered inadvisable that any change shall be made this year in the personnel of the Council, and the Council is pleased to report that the following ladies have consented to serve for another year: Miss A. M. Bushby and Miss E. Martin, Fellows; and Miss Edith Hussey, Member.

#### Resignation of Member of Council.

Under the new Constitution no member of the Council is eligible to hold the position of a salaried officer of the College, it is therefore, with the greatest regret that owing to the indispensable services of Miss A. S. Bryson as Secretary, which office she has most generously held without remuneration since 1939, that her resignation as a member of the Council has been received.

Miss Bryson has, under the new regulations, been appointed Secretary of the British College of Nurses, Limited, Miss M. R. Angel reappointed Chief Clerk, and Miss B. A. Bowering reappointed Accountant. The College has greatly benefited by the services of these ladies since its inception.

Owing to the disturbed financial conditions throughout the country owing to the war, members of the College are indebted to many friends for help to carry on the work in a voluntary capacity. In this connection, we feel sure you will wish to offer a hearty vote of thanks to Miss A. S. Bryson, Mrs. Jessop, Miss H. Hawkins and Miss C. R. Gooding, who have attended throughout the year to help with the clerical work.

#### New Member of Council.

The following nomination for election to the Council has been received from Miss Gladys Mary Hardy, Fellow, Matron, Battersea General Hospital, State Registered Nurse, Diploma in Nursing (London University), and she has been duly elected by the Council to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Miss A. S. Bryson, upon her appointment as Secretary.

#### "The British Journal of Nursing."

Of its high ethical standard, and its courageous campaign in the cause of professional freedom and self-determination, THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING has inspired many expressions of gratitude from Fellows and Members at home and abroad; and it is apparent that its reception is much valued.

For the past year Mrs. Bedford Fenwick has continued to act as Hon. Editor.

#### The Scope of the College.

Much of this is quiescent. The Administration Classes, Educational Grants and other popular activities have had to be suspended owing to War.

#### The Lending Library.

The Lending Library, to which many technical and other books of interest have been added during the past year, is open for the use of Fellows and Members.

#### The History of Nursing Section.

The History of Nursing Section has naturally been somewhat in abeyance during the past year, but its valuable property is, as far as possible, stored in safety, and additional gifts have been received.

#### The Nurses' Salaries Committee.

The Vice-President, Miss M. S. Cochrane, continues to represent this College on the Nurses' Salaries Committee appointed by the Minister of Health, of which Lord Rushcliffe is Chairman.

A number of Meetings have taken place during the past eight months, but so far no decisions have been announced.

#### The Assistant Nurse.

Members of this College, recruited as they are from women of responsible thought and action, will realise that the burning question of the hour is the suggested State Registration of the semi-trained so-called "Assistant Nurse," advocated by the Association of Hospital Matrons,

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