

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.

MEETING OF COUNCIL.

A Meeting of the Council was held on Wednesday, September 27th, 1944, at 19, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, when much important business was transacted.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair; and Prayers having been read by the Secretary, Miss A. Stewart Bryson, the Minutes were confirmed.

Letters for non-attendance were received from three members owing to illness, with sincere regret.

New Member of Council for Scotland.

The Council received with pleasure the acceptance of nomination to a seat on the Council from Miss Janet W. Kerr, F.B.C.N., to fill the vacancy occasioned by the regretted termination of office of Miss E. Brodie, as there are a good many members of the College in Scotland. Miss Kerr writes: "I will endeavour to do my best for the College, keeping in touch with Scottish affairs and so bring to notice any important matters as they arise."

Members of the B.C.N. in Scotland are therefore invited to consult Miss Kerr, who holds the office of Assistant Matron, at the Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow 2, should they need immediate help or information.

Correspondence.

A voluminous correspondence received attention.

1. *Re* List issued from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales on the forthcoming Election of the General Nursing Council.

2. Nominations.

3. Resolution *re* Rule 19, Nurses Act, 1943.

It was agreed to ask new applicants for election to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales if they are prepared to advocate the amendment of Rule 19 of the Nurses Act, 1943, whereby the Council is empowered to pool and expend funds subscribed for special purposes by Registered Nurses, in support of general expenses, including the organisation and deficit, if necessary, of maintaining the Roll of Assistant Nurses, a class of nurse who does not attain the professional standard obligatory for the Registered Nurse.

In the opinion of the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., such expenditure is totally unjustifiable, as it compels the Registered Nurse to support the de-grading of the educational and professional standards she has attained under the Nurses Registration Act, 1919, and divert cash she has contributed for this purpose to totally unjustifiable demands.

List of New Candidates Nominated.

1. Alexander, Clare Helen, S.R.N. 59916, London Hospital, E.1.

2. Blyde, Margery Kathleen, S.R.N. 11838, King's College Hospital, London, S.E.5.

3. Brook, Iris, S.R.N. 44943, 218, Court Farm Road, London, S.E.9.

4. Calder, Jean McKinlay, S.R.N. 23122, Flat 6, Norton House, Egerton Road, Fallowfield, Manchester.

5. Cockayne, Elizabeth, S.R.N. 3274, Royal Free Hospital, London, W.C.1.

6. Gambier, Amy, S.R.N. 24454, West Sussex County Mental Hospital, Chichester.

7. Gay, Mabel Louisa Marion, S.R.N. 4391, St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

8. Hall, Doris Lilian Alice, S.R.N. 47166, St. Charles' Hospital, London, W.10.

9. Hayward, Dorothy Muriel, S.R.N. 362, 6, Winterbourne Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

10. Hillier, Eva Mary, S.R.N. 10110, Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester 8.

11. Hillyers, Gladys Verena Louisa, S.R.N. 4026, St. Thomas's Hospital, London, S.E.1.

12. Hitch, Margaret Eva, S.R.N. 4530, Tudor Grange, Chestfield New Road, Chestfield, Whitstable.

13. Holland, Dorothy Lizzie, S.R.N. 8226, Guy's Hospital, London, S.E.1.

14. Houghton, Marjorie, S.R.N. 34360, University College Hospital, London, W.C.1.

15. Rose, Alice Mabel, S.R.N. 7325, City Hospital, Nottingham.

16. Silverthorne, Thora, S.R.N. 75812, 30, Gordon Mansions, Torrington Place, London, W.C.1.

17. Westmacott, Doris Emily, S.R.N. 56879, 149-151, Highbury New Park, London, N.5.

18. Wilmshurst, Mercy, S.R.N. 5749, 41, Calais Gate, London, S.E.5.

MALE NURSES.

Craddock, Frederick A. W., S.R.N. 262, 67, Bridge Way, Whitton, Twickenham.

Dodshon, Arthur, S.R.N. 394, 11, Leopold Place, Bishop Auckland.

MENTAL NURSES.

Glavin, Edward John, R.M.N. 5294, 276, Princes Avenue, Palmers Green, London.

Griffith, Olive Frances, R.M.N. 7978, 38, Addiscombe Road, Croydon.

Lediard, Mabel Christina, R.M.N. 908, Middlesex Colony, Shenley, Herts.

McHugh, Patrick, R.M.N. 2296, 57, Oakdale Road, Finsbury Park, London.

SICK CHILDREN'S NURSES.

Goodall, Freda Bessie, R.S.C.N. 173, 3, Windmill Drive, Clapham Common, London.

FEVER NURSES.

Wrench, Doris Marion Elizabeth, R.F.N. 9541, 73, Eastleigh Road, Taunton, Somerset.

Correspondence (continued).

1. From the Solicitor *re* Annual Meeting.

2. From Members of Parliament and political societies *re* de-grading of Nursing Standards.

3. From the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association. Reply sent.

4. From Lady Dalrymple Watt *re* Nursing Homes run by Unregistered Nurses.

5. From the National Institute for the Blind. Subscription sent.

6. From the Grenfell Association of Great Britain and Ireland. Subscription sent in support of nursing in Labrador.

7. From Miss M. A. MacCabe *re* Health Visitor's certificate.

8. From Miss M. E. Kerr, Editor *The Canadian Nurse*.

9. Several letters of thanks for benevolent grants.

10. Further benevolent grants considered and allowed.

Audited Accounts to June, 1944.

The Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended June 30th, 1944, presented by the auditors, were received and approved for presentation to the Annual Meeting.

Annual Report.

The Annual Report for presentation to the Annual Meeting was considered and adopted. It was agreed the Annual Meeting should be held in November.

Financial Statement.

A detailed statement of subscriptions and expenditure from June to September, 1944, was presented, the balance at bank to date being £2,785 17s. 2d.

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