

## THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.

A meeting of the Council was held at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Wednesday, March 8th, at 2.30 p.m. The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was in the Chair. After prayers had been read by the Secretary, Miss A. Stewart Bryson, the Minutes were confirmed and signed.

The President advised that after the routine business on the Agenda had been concluded, the Council should fully discuss the situation which would result from the destruction of premises and equipment resulting from the blast by bombs which had taken place on a night in February.

### Correspondence.

It was agreed that a further communication be sent to the Minister of Health in reference to amendment of Rule 19 of the Nurses Act, 1943, which permits the General Nursing Council to pool fees paid by Registered Nurses to meet a deficit in the organisation of the Assistant Nurses' Roll if necessary.

A number of letters were read and considered.

Applications for financial assistance were considered, and it was agreed to assist four Fellows and Members by a monthly grant—owing to ill-health and inability to work—medical reports having been received in connection with the appeals.

### Election of Members.

Applications for membership were considered and agreed.

### Financial Statement.

A satisfactory Financial Report was presented, dividends amounting to upwards of £2,000 having been declared. There was a substantial balance at the bank.

### Other Business.

Under the above heading the Council received a full report from the President of the disastrous result to the fabric of the house and to property from enemy action—blast of a bomb—but mercifully no loss of life resulted. She had been directed by the solicitor as to procedure, and various authorities were in charge of the necessary investigations to mitigate financial loss, by the Government and otherwise. It would be many months before repairs could be effected, but she felt sure the Council would use every effort to restore order. They were greatly blessed in having substantial financial assets.

At an early date necessary structural work would be put in hand, so that the staff could work in safety; but it would be necessary to realise that months would elapse before the College could be used for its usual activities. She felt sure everyone would rise to the occasion, and look forward to the future.

Every member of Council present undertook to help to maintain the activities of the College to the best of her ability, so that its unique work for the status of the Nursing Profession should be maintained.

The President congratulated the Council that many of its most valuable possessions were secure.

Every member of the staff had given heroic service.

### Next Meeting of the Council.

It was agreed that the Council should meet on April 19th, at 2.30 p.m.

The Council will be pleased to receive the views and suggestions of Fellows and Members on how, in their opinion, it can best advance their welfare—communications to be addressed to Miss A. Stewart Bryson (Secretary), 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The following letter and copy of Audited Accounts (1942-1943) have been sent by the Hon. Treasurer, Miss Susan A. Villiers, S.R.N., to the Presidents of the affiliated organisations of Nurses comprising the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain:—

### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

19, QUEEN'S GATE, LONDON, S.W.7.  
February, 1944.

DEAR MADAM,—

I beg to enclose for your information and that of the affiliated organisation of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, of which you are President:—

A copy of the Audited Receipts and Payments Account for the year 1942-1943, by which you will see that there is a surplus in the three accounts of the Council.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

SUSAN A. VILLIERS,

Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer (pro tem).

### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

#### No. 1 ACCOUNT.

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended September 30th, 1943.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward	October 1st, 1942	163	11	0
„ Annual Fees	... ..	15	10	0
„ <i>Per Capita</i> Contribution of Affiliated Associations to subscription of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to International Council of Nurses	... ..	5	19	7
„ Dividends on £1,000 3½ per cent. Conversion Loan	... ..	£17	10	0
„ On £100 3 per cent. Defence Bonds	... ..	0	17	7
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<i>Payments.</i>		£	s.	d.
By Printing and Stationery	... ..	1	10	3
„ Postage	... ..	2	1	9
„ Typing	... ..	1	2	8
„ Audit Fee	... ..	3	3	0
„ Clerical Services	... ..	12	0	0
„ Purchase of £100 3 per cent. Defence Bonds	100	0	0	0
„ Balance at Bank September 30th, 1943	... ..	83	10	6
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NOTE.—3½ per cent. Conversion Loan is held to the value of £1,025 (Nominal £1,000) purchased on November 16th, 1937, and £100 3 per cent. Defence Bonds purchased March 20th, 1943.

We have examined the above Receipts and Payments Account with the books and vouchers of the Council and certify the same to be correct.

REEVES, GOTHARD & FARRIES,  
Chartered Accountants.

8, Laurence Pountney Hill,  
London, E.C.4.  
January 28th, 1944.

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