

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.

A Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was held on Friday, October 11th, 1946, at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs. Thomas Barber, Vice President, was in the Chair. Prayers were read, including a special prayer from the Chair for the recovery of the President.

On rising, the Vice President reported her recent visit to the President who is still a patient in St. Bartholomew's Hospital whose progress continues as well as can be expected. The Council unanimously agreed to send to her flowers with their affectionate sympathy.

The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Concerning the request of the Council that Miss G. M. Hardy, D.N. (Lond.) Fellow, be granted facilities to attend the International Congress of Nurses to be held in Atlantic City, U.S.A., in May, 1947, as the recipient of the "First Bedford Fenwick" scholarship, the following reply was reported:—

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL,
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

September 10th, 1946.

DEAR MISS BRYSON,—I have reported your letter of September 3rd concerning the proposed award of the Fenwick Scholarship to Miss G. M. Hardy, D.N. (Lond.), Matron of Milford Sanatorium. I shall report your letter to the appropriate Committee of the County Council for a decision on the matter.—Yours, sincerely,

W. G. PATTERSON,
County Medical Officer.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters of warm thanks were reported from members who were the recipients of parcels of food sent from our generous colleagues of the Returned Army Nurses Club, Western Australia, and it was unanimously agreed that a letter be sent to Mrs. G. Timley, Hon. Secretary, expressing the grateful appreciation of the Council for such generosity.

In a large amount of correspondence considered, a letter was reported from a Member, who writes:—

"I am very much interested about this Register for the Assistant Nurses. It is not making it easy for the Private Nurses as some get nearly the same fees as a fully trained nurse, doctors and patients do not enquire on arrival if they are fully trained."

It was agreed to advise this member to write to the Secretary of the Rushcliffe Committee, pointing out this condition of affairs and to ask if this unjust discrepancy can be remedied.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

Applications for membership were received all of which were accepted.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Annual Report of the Council was considered and adopted.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting of Fellows and Members be held on Thursday, November 21st, 1946, at 2.30 p.m., to which all Fellows and Members are cordially invited.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NURSES.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, communicated a proposal that the Council present an honorarium to Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., to help towards her expenses, if circumstances permit her attending the

International Congress of Nurses to be held in Atlantic City, U.S.A., in 1947, pointing out that Dame Ellen, at a very difficult time, was Treasurer of the International Council of Nurses, which entailed a great deal of responsibility in transferring the Headquarters of the International Council of Nurses from Great Britain to the United States of America.

The following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

"Resolved that an Honorarium be granted to Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., in appreciation of her outstanding services as Treasurer, for many years, of the International Council of Nurses, on the occasion of her attendance at the International Congress of Nurses to be held in Atlantic City, U.S.A., in May, 1947."

NIGHTINGALE BRICK.

The President having received a request from Mrs. Genara S. M. de Guzman, President, Filipino Nurses' Association, for a Nightingale Brick, the Council had much pleasure in granting this request, and agreed that arrangements be made for its despatch to Manila.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

A very satisfactory financial statement was presented and adopted.

The meeting then terminated.

RETIREMENT OF MISS PRISCILLA SANDERSON, O.B.E., S.R.N.

After 30 years' magnificent work as Matron of the Mount Vernon Hospital at Northwood, Miss Priscilla Sanderson has retired owing to ill-health.

Trained at the Middlesex Hospital, London, from 1906 to 1910, Miss Sanderson was later Day Sister, Night Superintendent and Assistant Matron at the Royal National Hospital, Ventnor, and Sister at the Clovelly Nursing Home, Harrogate.

In 1916 she went to the Mount Vernon Hospital, then an institution for diseases of the chest and heart, as Matron.

In 1928 the Mount Vernon Hospital began to treat patients suffering from cancer, work into which Miss Sanderson put her whole strength.

All through the war years the hospital carried on its mission of mercy, treating patients with radium and X-rays, and from 150 beds the hospital grew until it contained 1,000 beds.

Into retirement with Miss Sanderson have gone her devoted Assistant Matron and Sister, who, we feel sure, will do all in their power to ease the difficult days of convalescence.

We wish Miss Sanderson contentment and rest in her new sphere of life.

APPOINTMENTS.

DEPUTY-MATRON.

Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone.—Miss M. O. Heasman, S.R.N., has been appointed Deputy-Matron. She was trained at St. Giles' Hospital, Camberwell, and has been Second Assistant Matron at St. Helier County Hospital, Carshalton.

FIRST ASSISTANT MATRON.

Anlaby Road Hospital, Hull.—Miss L. E. Johnson, S.R.N., has been appointed First Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Anlaby Road Hospital, Hull, where she has held posts as Ward and Theatre Staff Nurse, Relief Ward Sister, Junior Theatre Sister, and Senior Theatre Sister.

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