

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Messrs. Reeves, Gothard and Farries be appointed Auditors for the ensuing year.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The President welcomed the new Members to the Council and thanked the retiring Councillors for their valuable services during their term of office. All these ladies were presented by her with flowers.

RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted, and it was directed that it be forwarded to the British Medical Association :—

“The Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., in Annual Meeting assembled, wished to unanimously convey to the British Medical Association their appreciation of the action they have taken on the question of the ‘Closed Shop’ system, being strongly opposed to an imposition that curtails the liberty of the individual, especially in regard to the members of the Medical and Nursing Professions.”

VOTES OF THANKS

Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to the President, Miss Helena McLoughlin; to Miss A. Stewart Bryson, Hon. Secretary; to Miss Maude R. Angel and to Miss Beatrice A. Bowering for their professional services; and for services as Caretaker, and for preservation of the valuable furniture to Mrs. Broom.

The Meeting then terminated.

After the Meeting the Members adjourned to the Secretary's Office where refreshments were served, and greatly enjoyed, as all were reminded that much of the generous spread was the gift, in parcels, received from our loyal and sympathetic colleagues in Australia.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL

The date of the next meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., has been fixed for Wednesday, October 15th, at 2.30 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS.

We should like to offer our sincere congratulations to Miss Isabel Macdonald, S.R.N., Hon. Editor of the New Journal of the Royal British Nurses Association on Vol. 1, No. 1. It is a most ambitious little journal, and bids fair to make a secure niche for itself amongst professional journals of the day. She herself has written a beautiful “In Memoriam” tribute to our late illustrious Editor, Mrs. Ethel Gordon Fenwick, for which we thank her. Miss Macdonald who is secretary to the Royal British Nurses Association is a Registered Nurse of wide and varied talents. She paints beautifully, she writes in a most classical style, and she is a great reader. From experience we know also that she is an excellent cook and housekeeper. We are wondering what else she will find to do in the few minutes spare time which is left to her each day!

THE WORKING PARTY.

A NEW SYSTEM OF TRAINING FOR NURSES.

The Working Party have put forward most interesting proposals for a new system of training. The result of the job-analysis proved that much of the time in the present training system was spent in domestic and repetitive duties. By eliminating many of these duties, the members of the Party decided that more professional subjects and practical training could be got into much less time, resulting in a broader, more professional, and scientific training.

The new scheme will provide a course of basic training covering two years, at the end of which a student may become State Registered. A further year spent in practice under supervision would be required of the Nurse before she became licensed to practise.

The two-year training period would be divided up as follows :—

	Weeks.
1. INTRODUCTORY COURSE	12
Basic Sciences.	
Theory and Practice of Nursing.	
Educational Visits.	
Introduction to Hospital Wards.	
2. PEDIATRICS	9
Nursery schools and nurseries.	
Out-patients department.	
Sick children's wards.	
3. OBSTETRICS	4
Ante and post-natal clinics.	
Maternity wards.	
4. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES—including	
Tuberculosis	4
Immunisation clinics.	
Tuberculosis dispensary.	
Wards.	
5. MEDICINE	10
Out-patients department.	
Medical wards.	
Dietetic department.	
6. SURGERY	13
Out-patients department.	
Surgical wards.	
Operating theatre.	
7. GYNÆCOLOGY	4
Out-patients department.	
Wards.	
8. PUBLIC HEALTH	5
Survey of whole “field”	
Health visiting and school nursing.	
District nursing.	
9. PSYCHIATRY	8
Child guidance and out-patients clinics.	
Admission blocks and wards.	
TOTAL	69
10. PERIOD FOR CHOSEN FIELD	23
VACATIONS	12
GRAND TOTAL	104

After the period of common training, Nurses should be given the option of choosing any one of the several nursing “fields” for concentrated study during the last six months of her two years, and whatever field she chooses, she becomes State-Registered after successfully passing the examination. Thus there will be a single title—State Registered Nurse—for all types of nurse who will have undergone a training of the same duration.

Suppose, for example that a Nurse chooses pediatrics, or general surgery as the chosen field for her last six months.

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