

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.

A meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was held on November 19th, 1947, at 19, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, at 2.30 p.m.

The President, Miss H. McLoughlin, was in the Chair. Prayers having been read, the Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

Business Arising out of the Minutes.

Letters of thanks for gifts of the Florence Nightingale Brick were received from U.S.A.

Grateful thanks were received from a member for Benevolent Grant awarded by the Council.

A communication was reported from the British Medical Association, expressing pleasure that the British College of Nurses, Ltd., holds similar views to their own regarding Trade Union membership, and thanking the Council for the letter and resolution enclosed, which was placed before their Public Health Committee and which will be reported to the Council of the Association.

Correspondence.

A letter was reported from Miss Ada Ward, S.R.N., Matron, Municipal Hospital, Willesden, N.W.10, expressing appreciation on behalf of herself and the Nursing Staff for the kind letter in support of the nurses' stand against Trade Union membership being compulsory.

Financial Statement.

A satisfactory financial statement was reported and adopted.

Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications for membership of the College were received and all were elected.

Christmas grants for elderly nurses were considered and agreed.

It was reported that Miss Gladys M. Hardy, D.N., sailed for the U.S.A. at the end of October.

The meeting then terminated.

GREETINGS FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Miss G. M. Bottrill, a valued member of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., writing from Adelaide, says, "The Journals reach me regularly; they are most interesting and keep us in touch with nursing opinion overseas.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's death is a great loss to nurses, but what a wonderful life she has lived, to the very utmost of her capacity.

Wishing the new President, officers, and members, a happier New Year."

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Lodge Moor Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Sheffield.—Miss A. Holder, S.R.N., R.F.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Middlesex Hospital, London, and at the Hull City Hospital, and has held posts as Assistant Matron at the City Hospital, Little Bromwich, Birmingham, and Deputy Matron at the City Hospital, Nottingham.

Royal Isle of Wight County Hospital, Ryde.—Miss Irene Warren, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the University College Hospital, London.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

City of Coventry Training College.—Miss Patricia M. Gilbert, S.R.N., has been appointed Resident Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, Coventry, and at the Birmingham Maternity Hospital.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

PRELIMINARY STATE EXAMINATION (OCTOBER, 1947).

PART I.

Elementary Anatomy and Physiology and Hygiene.

SECTION A.—ELEMENTARY ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY.

1. Give an account of the anatomy and functions of the kidney.
2. Compare and contrast the structure of a vein and an artery. How is venous blood returned to the heart from the limbs?
3. Describe the structure and functions of the skin.
4. Describe the pancreas. What are its functions?
5. Describe the types of muscle found in the body and their modes of action.

SECTION B.—HYGIENE.

1. Describe the methods by which the following could be made safe for domestic use:—
 - (a) a water supply taken from a river for a large town;
 - (b) a pail of water from a muddy stream.
2. Write short notes on *three* of the following:—
 - (a) an intercepting trap;
 - (b) a soil pipe;
 - (c) airborne infection;
 - (d) habits as they affect personal hygiene.
3. Give the composition of cows' milk. How may milk be contaminated before delivery to the consumer?

PART II.

Nursing and First Aid.

A.—NURSING.

1. Why is it important in nursing a helpless patient to be particularly careful with regard to the following:—
 - (a) attention to cleanliness of the skin;
 - (b) feeding?
2. Describe the duties of the nurse in connection with the following treatments:—
 - (a) a steam inhalation;
 - (b) the filling and placing of hot water bottles.

B.—FIRST AID.

1. How would you recognise bleeding from an artery? How would you render first aid to a person with a deep cut in the forearm?
2. Describe the first aid you would give in any *two* of the following emergencies:—
 - (a) a child who has swallowed some pills from a box picked up in the street;
 - (b) a woman who has epistaxis;
 - (c) a person found unconscious in a gas-filled room.

FINAL STATE EXAMINATION FOR THE GENERAL PART OF THE REGISTER.

Medicine and Medical Nursing Treatment.

1. What symptoms may be observed in a case of chronic heart failure? State briefly the treatment which may be given to relieve the patient.
2. Describe a case of chorea and give an account of the medical and nursing treatment of this condition.
3. Give an account of the symptoms, complications and treatment of scarlet fever.
4. What is meant by hemiplegia? Give a brief account of the causes of this condition and state how you would nurse a case during the early stages.
5. What is meant by the term melæna? Give a brief account of the causes of this condition and state how you would nurse a severe case.

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