

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.

A Special Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was held at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Thursday, March 27th, 1947, at 2.30 p.m.

The Vice-President, Mrs. Thomas Barber, S.R.N., D.N., was in the Chair.

THE DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT, MRS BEDFORD FENWICK, S.R.N.

Prayers having been read, the Council stood in silence in memory of their late revered President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

The Chairman officially reported the death of the President on the evening of Thursday, 13th March, at St. Peter's Vicarage, London Colney, Herts. A short account was given by Mrs Barber of the last days of the President, and her remarkable vitality even to the end. Her loss to the Nursing Profession is considered a disaster.

THE ELECTION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT.

In considering the election of a new President, the Chairman expressed her wish to propose that Miss Helena McLoughlin, S.R.N., be asked to accept office, and pointed out that according to the Constitution of the College, Miss McLoughlin was well qualified to fill the post, having served on the Council as Fellow and Vice-President, and having given loyal and devoted service to the College.

Miss McLoughlin, in accepting office as President, considered it an honour to follow in the footsteps of one who had done so much for the Nursing Profession, and could only promise to give of her best for the benefit of the College.

On the proposition of Miss G. M. Hardy, it was agreed to place on record the appreciation of the Council to Mrs. T. Barber for all her kindness to the late President during the last months of her suffering.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY.

Miss G. M. Hardy, S.R.N., Diploma in Nursing, was appointed Secretary, subject to confirmation.

DONATION TO THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The new President having taken the Chair, it was unanimously agreed, as a request of the late President, that a donation of £50 be sent from the College to the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses in memory of three outstanding pioneers of Nursing from St. Bartholomew's Hospital—Isla Stewart, Margaret Breay and Elizabeth Kennedy—this sum to be used towards the expenses of one of the members of the League attending the International Congress of Nurses in the U.S.A. in May of this year.

LUNCHEON TO SPEED THE DELEGATES ATTENDING THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NURSES.

It was agreed that a Luncheon be held at the Criterion Restaurant on Thursday, April 17th, to wish Godspeed to the President, Miss McLoughlin, Miss G. M. Hardy, the first Bedford Fenwick Scholar and other members of the British College of Nurses attending the International Congress of Nurses.

The Meeting then terminated.

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT.

Miss Helena McLoughlin, S.R.N. wishes to greet Fellows and Members on her

election as President of the British College of Nurses, Ltd. She hopes in the near future to have the pleasure of meeting most, if not all the members, and to carry on the work of our late beloved President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

During her absence at the International Congress of Nurses to be held in U.S.A. in May, Mrs. Thomas Barber, Vice-President, will act as President.

Miss A. Stewart Bryson will continue to act as Secretary during Miss Hardy's absence.



MISS HELENA McLOUGHLIN, S.R.N.
President, British College of Nurses, Ltd.

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