

One member of Committee, a member of the N.C.M. for many years, made an eloquent appeal for greater financial help in order that these many opportunities might not be lost.

Three members, all recruits for missionary service, told how the call to such work had come to them and how the N.C.M. had helped in their own lives.

A very vivid account of work in a Zenana hospital in India, was given by Dr. Eileen B. Snow, of Amritsar. She pictured the varying types of women in the wards, Mohammedans and Hindus, many coming with the camel caravans from over the border, each usually accompanied by two friends (who slept under or beside the beds!). The need for all sorts of medical and surgical treatment was great, and particularly for mid-wifery and antenatal work. One woman had one child living out of ten born. Dr. Snow thought the training of Indian nurses of supreme importance, and she believed that India would still welcome helpers from the West who came *as friends*.

The Ministry of Health announce that the Exhibition of Labour Saving Appliances suitable for use in Hospitals will be held during the latter part of July. It will be held, as before, at the Empire Tea Bureau, 22, Regent Street, London, S.W.1, in the Grand Gallery. (The Bureau is in the part of Regent Street lying south of Piccadilly Circus, and the nearest tube station is Piccadilly Circus). It will be open from Tuesday, July 15th, 1947, to Saturday, August 2nd, 1947, both dates inclusive, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily (except Sundays). Admission will be free, and while the general public will be admitted in the afternoon, entry between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily will be for ticket holders only.

In the interests of economy it has been decided not to reprint tickets of admission and the green tickets issued before the Fuel Crisis which caused the postponement of the Exhibition will be valid. Each ticket will admit a party. Additional tickets may be obtained on application to the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W.1.

It is hoped that representatives of the responsible committees of employing authorities will visit the exhibition, as well as members of their staffs, such as matrons, catering officers and domestic supervisors, who are particularly concerned with the day to day organisation of hospital domestic work.

The National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres is arranging an International Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare, which will take place on June 25th, 26th and 27th, 1947, at Friends House, Euston Road, N.W.1.

The Minister of Health will give his presidential address at the opening session when the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London will take the chair.

Delegates from all the countries of Europe are attending the Conference, as well as representatives from County Councils, County Borough Councils and other local authorities in the British Isles. The subject chosen for discussion is "The Present and Future of Maternity and Child Welfare in Europe."

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.

A Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was held on Wednesday, May 28th, 1947, at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

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

Prayers having been read the Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

Correspondence.

A letter from Miss E. F. Brownsdon was reported stating that owing to ill health she would be unable to continue to attend the meetings and therefore must submit her resignation as a Councillor; she expressed her sincere wish that the work of the British College of Nurses and its influence for the good of our profession may ever increase.

It was with very deep regret that the Council received Miss Brownsdon's decision, and it was the unanimous wish of the meeting to convey their sincere sympathy with her in her trying illness. All felt that the College owed a deep debt of gratitude to Miss Brownsdon for her valuable professional advice and practical help in the College generally.

Expressions of sympathy continue to reach the Council who received the following letter from New Zealand:—

Dept. of Health,
Wellington, N.Z.
April 8th, 1947.

DEAR MADAM,—In New Zealand we learned with great regret that Mrs. Bedford Fenwick had passed away.

Although, of course, we knew she had been seriously ill for a long time, and no one would wish her to linger in pain, at the same time I am sure that you have all regretted that her passing has come before the International Council meeting as she would have been so interested in this fresh beginning.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's contribution to the world of nursing has been outstanding through her powers of leadership, although I suppose only the historian would really appreciate what her vision and gift of organisation has accomplished. British nurses throughout the world are in her debt for what she achieved at a period when women's rights had to be fought for. Her dynamic personality will be much missed, I know, amongst the nursing leaders and we here in New Zealand would like to pay our tribute to her unselfish devotion to the nursing profession and what she thought was right.

Yours sincerely,

M. I. LAMBIE.

Director, Division of Nursing.

The Council wished a communication to be sent to Mr. C. B. Fenwick, K.C., expressing thanks for the gift of some furniture to the College.

Applications for Membership.

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

The meeting then terminated.

A delectable Tea was enjoyed by those present, thanks to the generosity of one of our loyal members from overseas.

THE NURSES' LEAGUE.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA INFIRMARY, PAISLEY.

The summer reunion will be held on Saturday, June 28th at 3 p.m. All members of the League will be welcomed. Will they please notify secretary by June 23rd.

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