

## THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.

A meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was held on Wednesday, April 28, 1948, at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, at 2.30 p.m.

Miss H. McLoughlin, S.R.N., President, was in the Chair and there were present:—Miss M. B. MacKellar, S.R.N., Vice-President; Mrs. Thomas Barber, D.N. (Lond.); Miss A. S. Bryson, S.R.N., Miss L. Clark, S.R.N., Fellows; and Miss Dorothy de M. Warren, D.N. (Lond.) and Miss Ursula Spon, S.R.N., Members.

On rising, the President spoke of the irreparable loss the College had sustained in the passing of Miss Elizabeth Martin, R.R.C., the first Vice-President, and the Council stood in silence in remembrance of their revered colleague.

Prayers were then read, and the Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

### Business Arising out of the Minutes.

It was reported—The questions and answers arising out of the Questionnaire on the *proposed re-construction of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*, tabulated by the Council of the College and sent to all Fellows and Members of this College, together with a covering letter of warning against the absorption of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland by a member association, had met with general approval.

The response also to the circular letter sent from the College to all the affiliated associations of the National Council of Nurses, conveying this warning, was very gratifying as the Council felt it gave evidence that many societies realised the value of maintaining their professional independence.

### Correspondence.

A large amount of correspondence was considered and agreed.

### Financial Statement.

A satisfactory financial statement was presented and adopted.

It was reported that a donation had been sent to the Lord Mayor of London's United Nations appeal fund for children through the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

In considering a further estimate from Messrs. Maple & Co., the President was happy to report the very satisfactory progress this firm was making in the transformation of the bomb-damaged premises into a house beautiful, such as the late Ethel Gordon Fenwick would have visualised.

### Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications for membership were received and all were elected.

### The Annual General Meeting.

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting of the Fellows and Members be held in the last week of September.

The meeting then terminated.

Members of the College will be very gratified to learn that Miss Sallie Round, for many years resident in India as Sister-in-Charge of All Saints' Dispensary in the Bombay Presidency, is to return to England in the near future.

We shall hope to be able to renew acquaintance with this lady at any early date, and hear much of interest concerning her work in this distant land.

## ASSOCIATION OF SICK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Westminster Children's Hospital, London, S.W.1., on Saturday, May 29th, at 2.30 p.m.

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

### The Appointment of Executive Secretary.

When the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland meet on May 29th it is expected that Miss Frances Agnes Rowe, S.R.N., S.C.M., will be formally appointed Executive Secretary. We understand that a number of very excellent applications were received, but that of Miss Rowe was in great favour.

Trained at the Westminster Hospital, London, Miss Rowe holds a Housekeeping Certificate and a Certificate for the Nursing of Psychoneurosis and Psychological Disorders; she has held posts as Ward Sister and Night Superintendent at the Royal Masonic Hospital; Assistant Matron at North Ormesby Hospital, Middlesbrough; Matron at the Cassel Hospital for Nervous Diseases; Assistant in the professional department of the Royal College of Nursing; Secretary to the Committee for Relief Abroad; Principal Nursing Adviser to Allied Commission for Austria; Principal Nursing Officer to the Central Commission for Germany; and Technical Nursing Officer, Nursing Appointments Office, Ministry of Labour and National Service from August, 1947, to the present date.

With such wide professional experience, Miss Rowe has much to contribute to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as the first Executive Secretary ever to be appointed since its foundation by the late Ethel Gordon Fenwick, upwards of 40 years ago.

## THE LEAGUE OF FEVER NURSES.

The Annual General Meeting of the League of Fever Nurses was held on Saturday, April 24th, 1948, at the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7.

The President, Miss N. Dunkley, S.R.N., was in the Chair, and there was a good attendance.

The Hon. Secretary, Miss H. McLoughlin, S.R.N., in presenting a large amount of business, reported that the letter of protest against the proposed absorption by a member association of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and sent to every member of the League, was unanimously approved by them.

On the discussion which took place on the Report of the Working Party on the Recruitment and Training of Nurses, the Committee was unanimous in the opinion that the nurse should not be given the status of Registered Nurse, with less than three years' training.

The important question as to the nomination of a new President to the National Council of Nurses was discussed and referred back for further consideration. Miss A. Ward, S.R.N., Matron, Municipal Hospital, Willesden, was elected to the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer reported a satisfactory balance-sheet, which was adopted, and the meeting then terminated.

After the meeting, by the kind invitation of Miss I. Macdonald, the Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, the members assembled to hear a remarkable lecture on Plastic Surgery (illustrated by cinematograph) delivered by Dr. J. P. Reidy, F.R.C.S., for which very hearty applause and warm appreciation was expressed by the audience. The company then proceeded to the drawing-room, where the welcome refreshment of tea was provided of the best which we have learned to associate with the club at the R.R.N.A.

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