

The British College of Nurses, Ltd.

A MEETING of the Council of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was held at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Tuesday, September 27th, 1949, at 2.30 p.m.

The President, Miss H. McLoughlin, S.R.N., Fellow, was in the chair.

Prayers having been read, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A large correspondence was reported.

Financial Statement.

A satisfactory financial statement was received and adopted.

Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications for membership were received and all were elected.

Editorial Meeting of "The British Journal of Nursing."

It was reported that a meeting of the "B.J.N." Editorial Board, was held on Tuesday, September 20th, 1949, and congratulations were expressed on the satisfactory conduct of the Journal during the past year.

A series of lectures was considered which it was agreed will be held in the Spring.

National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The appointment of delegates for the N.C.N. were considered and their nomination agreed, and for standing committees, nominations were approved.

Legal Aid.

The Council further considered the case of legal aid which it had been necessary to provide for a Fellow of the College.

Annual General Meeting.

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting of the College be held on December 9th, and the next ordinary meeting to take place on Friday, October 21st.

The meeting then terminated.

"Culinary Campaign."

A MOST interesting and amusing book has been presented to the library. It is an old publication dated 1857 and called "Culinary Campaign." It is an almost unique account of his adventures in the Crimean Peninsula during the Crimean War by a Monsieur A. Soyer. At one time chef of the Reform Club, famous in Victorian London, this professional chef offered his services to the military authorities and the Government to go out to the Crimea to improve the cooking arrangements in camps and hospitals. He went, and this book is his own account of what he did out there. His accounts are very graphic and the flashes of French wit with which the book is scattered make it pleasant reading.

The book holds special interest for nurses because of the many references to Miss F. Nightingale. M. Soyer worked with her a great deal and had a great admiration for her and her work.

The book makes lively reading and is interesting for the account of the Crimean War from the pen of a non-combatant who could and did travel all over the battlefields as well as behind the lines.

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Appointments.

Matron.

ROYAL DEVON AND EXETER HOSPITAL, EXETER.—Miss I. M. Hodges, S.R.N., S.C.M., D.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the West Kent General Hospital, Maidstone, where she was later Staff Nurse and Surgical Ward Sister. Miss Hodges has also been Assistant Sister Tutor at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge; Second Sister Tutor at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London; Senior Sister Tutor and Sister-in-Charge of the Preliminary Training School at Joyce Grove, Littlebed, Oxfordshire (a Joint Preliminary Training School for St. Mary's and Westminster Hospitals); Sister-in-Charge of the Penicillin Exhibition for St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington; Acting Assistant Matron at the Hampstead General Hospital, London; Matron at the National Sanatorium, Benenden, Kent; and Assistant Matron at the Peace Memorial Hospital, Watford.

Assistant Matron.

DUCHESS OF YORK HOSPITAL FOR BABIES, MANCHESTER.—Miss Jessie Worsley, S.R.N., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and has been Sister Tutor in sole charge at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan.

Tutor.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, BURNLEY.—Mr. C. H. Scowcroft, S.R.N., has been appointed Tutor. He was trained at the Leicester Royal Infirmary, where he was Staff Nurse, and has been Charge Nurse at the Victoria Hospital, Burnley.

Nursing Sister.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S COLONIAL NURSING SERVICE.

Kenya.—Miss J. G. Philpott has been appointed a Nursing Sister. She was trained at the Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings, and at the Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and has worked at the Royal Masonic Hospital, Hammersmith, London.

Nigeria.—Miss L. E. Bennett, S.R.N., has been appointed Nursing Sister. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds; at the Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport; at the Tropical Centre, Smithdown Road Hospital, Liverpool; and at the Epsom County Hospital. She has held an appointment at the Leeds General Infirmary.

Miss L. M. Edwards, S.R.N., has been appointed Nursing Sister. She was trained at the Lambeth Hospital, London; at the Leeds Maternity Hospital, and under the Cheltenham District Nursing Association. She has worked at the Wesley Guild Hospital, Ilesha, Nigeria.

Northern Rhodesia.—Miss Olwen Morgan, S.R.N., has been appointed Nursing Sister. She was trained at the West Ham Mental Hospital, Goodmayes; at the Municipal Hospital, Brighton; at the Sussex Maternity Hospital, Brighton; and at the General Hospital, Nottingham. She has served with Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service; under the Monmouthshire County Council; and at the Barking Hospital.

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