

1951. Two prizes are offered: the John Edward Worth Prize of £40 for an essay on "The Planning of Old Peoples' Dwellings and the Provision of Communal Facilities and Services in Connection Therewith," and the John S. Owens Prize of £15 for an essay on the ventilation of dwellings and its effect upon human health.

Intending competitors should apply to the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, for a copy of the general conditions. Entries must be submitted by December 31st, 1951.

The British College of Nurses, Ltd.

THE NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., was held at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Wednesday, February 28th, 1951, at 2.30 p.m. The President, Miss Helena McLoughlin, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., was in the chair, supported by the Vice-President, Miss M. E. Thurnham, and there was a good attendance of Fellows and Members.

Apologies for absence were received from many members owing to the difficulties of travel and sickness.

Prayers having been read, the President called upon the Hon. Secretary, Miss A. Stewart Bryson, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., to read the notice convening the meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Ninth Annual Report for the Year 1950.

The Report of the Council, together with the Agenda and Balance Sheet to June 30th, 1950, a copy of which had been circulated to every Fellow and Member, was taken as read and adopted.

In presenting the Audited Accounts for the year 1949-1950 the Council reports a deficiency of income of £1,332 which amount is deducted from the surplus brought forward from the previous year of £16,161, leaving a balance of £14,829 to be carried forward.

Retired Member of Council.

This year the Council lose by rotation the very valuable services of Miss Ursula Spon, Member, whose service on behalf of the College has been much valued.

New Member of Council.

The following nomination for election as Member has been received from Miss Alice Rose Bunch, S.R.N., the experience of this lady will, we feel sure, be greatly appreciated in the deliberations of the Council.

The Council has continually kept in active touch with members and has dealt effectively with all the business of the College with economy.

The clerical staff have attended daily throughout the year and performed their respective duties with admirable despatch, for which the Council desires to place on record its gratitude.

Celebration of Registration Day

The Commemoration of Registration Day was held on December 9th, 1949, at the close of the Annual General Meeting, when a most enjoyable tea was served in the Secretary's Office. The ceremony of the Cutting of the Registration Cake by the President, Miss H. McLoughlin, and Vice-President, Miss M. B. MacKellar was witnessed by a large gathering of Fellows, Members and friends.

Legal Advice.

During the year the Council took steps, through the College Solicitor, to provide legal protection for a Fellow of

the College which, it is satisfactory to report, resulted in a completely just settlement of professional matters in her case.

Educational Activities.

The Council considered that cultural lectures other than those pertaining to the Nursing Profession, would help to give our members an interest and wider outlook on other intellectual subjects. Therefore, among our educational activities a Course of Lectures on English Literature (1) The Novel; (2 and 3) The Drama; and (4) The Approach to Poetry, were delivered by Mr. Francis Edwards. It is noteworthy that the Council's decision was well justified as the Course was remarkably well attended by an audience enthusiastically appreciative of the Lecturer.

The Dr. Bedford Fenwick Memorial.

The Council intend, under this memorable scheme to make arrangements for a Scholar to attend the next International Council of Nurses Quadrennial Congress.

Benevolent Grants.

A sum of £350 has been distributed in Grants to members of the College from the Ethel Mary Fletcher Benevolent Fund. These grants have been made to elderly members whose incomes have seriously depreciated owing to the increased high cost of living and ill-health. Thirteen members are now receiving a grant of 10s. weekly from the Fund.

"The British Journal of Nursing"

The British Journal of Nursing has kept the College in active touch with Fellows and Members at home and abroad. Expressed appreciation was extended by Fellows and Members to the Editorial Board for their contributions to the Journal, and the very valuable services of the Secretary have been rewarded by the steady progress of the Journal which continues to meet its liabilities.

Lending Library.

During the year many technical books of interest have been added to the library. In the Isla Stewart Library, the unique collection of works of the lives of eminent nurses, not now procurable, are available, by request, and may be studied at the College.

All books for which members have asked to be added to the library have been procured, and by request are available through the post or otherwise.

The History of Nursing Section.

The Council feel it is satisfactory to report that valuable gifts have been received, increasing the interest for Fellows and Members in this section.

The International Council of Nurses.

The President and Council had much pleasure in welcoming Delegates of the Executive Committee of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation to tea in the Nurses' Club Room on March 2nd, 1950, the happy atmosphere pervading between the two associations added to the enjoyment of this happy interlude.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

In response to an Appeal through the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, for teaching materials to help the Korean Nurses' Association, the Council was pleased to send a consignment of technical books.

Hospitality to a Fellow from America.

A member of the Council on learning of the visit to this country of a Fellow of the College resident in America made hospitality available to her during her stay in London, for which deep gratitude was expressed.

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