

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 Wednesday, July 3rd, 1951.

The President, Miss Helena McLoughlin, F.B.C.N., was in the chair.

Prayers having been read, the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

In reference to the decision of the Council that a fitting gesture on behalf of the College for the Festival of Britain would be to extend to some Fellows and Members at a distance (who had long and loyally supported the College), an invitation to spend a week, in which to visit London and the Festival of Britain. The Council was therefore pleased to receive appreciative letters in reply, accepting the hospitality which has been arranged for some six of our colleagues. In connection with a considerable amount of correspondence a letter was reported from Mrs. M. Shaw, S.R.N., S.C.M., a Member of the Executive Committee and Hon. Treasurer of Twickenham Women's Organisations Festival Exhibition on "Women of the Century," to be held June 25th-30th, stating that as there would be a section devoted to the History of Nursing, she had been advised to approach the British College of Nurses, Ltd.

It was reported that data and pictures were given, which included Ethel Gordon Fenwick's work as the Pioneer of State Registration of Nurses, and Founder of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the International Council of Nurses. The Secretary reported her impressions of this fine exhibition.

National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Nomination papers for President, Vice-President and Hon. Officers were considered.

It was unanimously agreed, now that the Presidents of the Associations, under the new constitution of the National Council of Nurses, are no longer *ex officio* members that the President, Miss H. McLoughlin, be appointed a delegate for the College.

National Council of Women of Great Britain.

Mrs. Thomas Barber consented to act as the representative of the College for the ensuing year.

Nightingale Brick.

A letter from Miss H. Watts, Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association Home, Kent Town, Australia, was received expressing appreciation for the gift of a Nightingale Brick, safely received.

Financial Statement.

The financial statement for three months to July 4th, 1951, was presented.

Election of Fellows and Members.

Applications for Membership were received and all were elected.

Next Meeting of the Council.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council be held on Wednesday, September 12th, 1951.

Holidays.

The Council hoped that Fellows and Members would note that the College would be closed for holidays from Thursday, August 2nd to Monday, August 20th.

The Meeting then terminated.

National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Festival of Britain Study Tour—September 1st-15th, 1951.

The Party will consist of 60 Nurses representing many countries.

PLACES OF RESIDENCE WILL BE :

1. Burleigh House, 173, Cromwell Road, London, S.W.5.
2. Stuart House, 161-169, Cromwell Road, London, S.W.5.
3. The Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

September 1st.

Arrive

- 6 p.m. Reception at the Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer Street, London, W.1, as guests of the Matron, Miss Marriott and the nursing staff.
- 8 p.m. International Ballet "The Sleeping Princess" at the Royal Festival Hall.

Sunday, September 2nd.

Morning. Free to attend Service. (Westminster Abbey or Westminster Cathedral—Roman Catholic).

Afternoon. Boat trip up the River Thames to Kew Gardens. Assemble at Westminster Pier at 12.20 p.m. for boat departing 12.30 p.m.—lunch on boat—tea at Kew. Leave Kew at 6 p.m., arriving at Westminster Bridge at 7.20 p.m. Supper at place of residence.

Monday, September 3rd.

Morning. 8.15 a.m. One group of 30 to leave by special coach to visit the Vauxhall Motor Works, arriving at Luton about 10 a.m. Dr. A. Thompson, the Medical Officer and Mr. H. Newell, the Rehabilitation Superintendent, have arranged a tour of the factory and have invited you to lunch. Visit the Rehabilitation Centre after lunch.

Morning. 11 a.m. One group of 30—Tour of London with guides and transport provided by The British Council. Lunch at the "Tower of London" Restaurant.

Afternoon. Film Show (to be arranged).

Tuesday, September 4th.

Reversed parties exactly as Monday.

5.30 p.m. One group of 30 to visit the St. Helier Hospital, Carshalton, by coach, by invitation of the Matron, Miss B. Wood.

Wednesday, September 5th.

8.30 a.m. Leave by special coach from your residence for whole-day visit to Stratford-on-Avon (birthplace of William Shakespeare) via Oxford.

(This day you are the guests of the Matron, Miss M. MacKellar and Nursing Staff of the Westminster and Central Eye Hospital (Moorfields), City Road, London.)

Thursday, September 6th.

Morning. Visit to the offices of *The Nursing Mirror*, where you are invited to lunch as guests of the editorial staff.

Afternoon. Visits to Public Health Centres.

Evening. 6.30-8 p.m. Evening Party in the Ceremonial Suite at County Hall, Westminster, as guests of the Public Health Nurses' League, London County Council. (This League is a member of the National Council of Nurses.)

Friday, September 7th.

Morning. FREE.

Afternoon. One group of 30 by special coach to Roffey Park Rehabilitation Centre at Horsham, Sussex. Tea provided.

One group of 30—visits to hospitals—tea provided.

Evening. FREE.

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