

that their duties in various hospitals were being made difficult of performance and their professional status depreciated.

Naturally the members of the Council were in sympathy with their colleagues, and realised the serious results to the well-being of the nursing staff in institutions where their senior officers were deprived of rightful authority and in some cases men of inferior education and status advanced to positions of authority for which they were not qualified.

Letter from Miss E. L. Macaulay, sending copy of Prospectus of Training at the Kent County Mental Hospital, which has been compiled, with a copy of the regulations *re* General Trained Nurses, in case of enquiries on the subject, and that she had just received a request for information from the Director of Education of Kent. The Prospectus, which was handed round, was pronounced to be progressive and of great value.

The President, thanking Miss Macaulay on behalf of the Council, complimented her on this progressive Prospectus of Training and asked that more might be supplied for members of the College, as she felt sure the Councillors and others would wish to study it. Miss Macaulay, in thanking the President, stated she would with pleasure send further copies.

A letter asking for the definition of an Agency for Private Nurses and of a Nurses' Co-operation—and as to responsibility for insurance. The writer was informed that a licence from the County Council was required unless a salary was paid to members of the staff. A co-operation was constituted by mutual financial responsibility, which few nurses cared to assume, thus the majority of organisations of Private Nurses were conducted as Agencies.

Letter from Miss M. K. Yeates, stating that Australian nurses were making wonderful progress. She had attended a Trained Nurses' Conference in Melbourne, when the Florence Nightingale International Foundation and the International Council of Nurses were discussed, and that changes in their National Constitution must be adopted if it was to be included in the International Federation of Nurses. She was always delighted to receive the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* and sent many thanks for it.

Letter from Miss Sallie Round, F.B.C.N., All Saints Dispensary, Panvel, Bombay Presidency, that she hopes to pay a visit to the College this year when she is on furlough, and sending a copy of Annual Report and an account of the Tenth Annual Mothers' and Babies' Party.

Letters from nurses in need—it was agreed to recommend a grant to one seriously ill, and unable to work.

ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS.

Applications for Membership were approved and all were elected.

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The President hoped this plan might perhaps be adopted by constituent Associations and Leagues in the National Council, thus those who wished to do so could subscribe without pressure. She reminded the Council that a Scholarship of £250

was in hand for this year but it was well to be a year ahead as Scholars had to make their arrangements as the Courses at Bedford College opened annually in August.

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A peep at Lea Hurst, the Derbyshire home of Miss Nightingale.
Photograph presented by Miss D. A. Turner, F.B.C.N.

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.

The ninety-sixth Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, February 16th, 1935, at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President was in the Chair, and there were present Miss I. Macdonald, Vice-President, Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss F. M. Campbell, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., Fellows, and Miss H. G. Ballard and Miss E. F. Eburah, Members.

The Prayers having been read by the Secretary, the Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.

Letters of regret at inability to attend were notified from Miss M. Breay and Miss J. C. Cowie.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

The correspondence with Mrs. Henrietta Smith, Matron, Poor Law Institution, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich, which had passed between her and the Council, was reported, and a reply was agreed.

Letter sent to the Editor of *Time and Tide* (reported in the February issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING) expressing the Council's disappointment that *Time and Tide* could not spare space for the expression of expert nursing opinion in reply to criticism of professional matters by the laity. The President reported that an admirable letter headed "Regarding Nurses" had appeared in a subsequent issue of *Time and Tide*, written by Miss C. Black, the King's Nurse, from Sandringham.

Further correspondence with Captain Cunningham-Reid, M.P., re a "Domiciliary Nursing Services Bill" was reported, in which he promised to acquaint himself with the provisions of any measure brought forward by the Government similar to the Domiciliary Nursing Services Bill, recently before Parliament, although during this crowded Session it is improbable that time can be found for any such measure.

Letter from Miss L. A. Parry, Matron, The National Society for Epileptics, Chalfont Colony, Gerrards Cross, Bucks, in reply to letter from the College re visit of Administration Class, stating that the Committee will be pleased for it to visit, and making arrangements.

Letter of thanks from Miss G. S. Harris, Hon. Secretary, Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League, for Miss Isabel Macdonald's short Report on the League of Remembrance.

Particulars of General Nursing Council for England and Wales, May, 1935, Examinations, from the Registrar, for which thanks had been expressed.

Letter of thanks from the Cunard White Star, Ltd., for the copy of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING re Report of Administration Class visit to the *Carinthia*.

Thanks for Christmas Cards from:—Miss Pearl L. Morrison, F.B.C.N., Washington, U.S.A., Miss McKee, F.B.C.N., Superintendent, Brantford General Hospital, Ontario; Miss L. Taylor, F.B.C.N., Matron, General Hospital, St. John's, Newfoundland; Miss E. Riley, M.B.C.N., Hong Kong; Miss G. M. Hawthorne, F.B.C.N., Tanganyika Territory, and others.

DEATH.

The President expressed deep regret to have to report that a letter had been received from Miss Annison Thacker stating that her sister, Miss Alice Edith Thacker, one of the first Fellows of the College, died suddenly on the 5th February, 1935, from Gastric Influenza. A message of sympathy to be sent to Miss A. Thacker.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Several letters of a confidential nature from Matrons and others asking for advice were read, considered, and replies agreed. From these communications it was evident

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It was agreed to take action should the General Nursing Council for England and Wales be approached in the matter.

THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary reported that since the last Meeting of the Council there had been 20 visitors to the College.

In the History Section, with a balance in hand of £2 14s. 6d., donations had been received from Miss M. S. Cochrane, £1, and Miss I. Macdonald 17s.; there had been spent:

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Florence Nightingale Silver Medal with portrait inscribed "Blessed are the Merciful." "A mark of esteem and gratitude for her devotion to The Queen's Brave Soldiers. Crimea"				2	0	0
Royal Mementoes—						
Chronology of the Sovereigns of England from William I, 1087—George, Prince Regent, in metal case	18	0				
Commemoration Mug, Queen Victoria Jubilee, 1887	10	0				
Plate, William IV, in Coronation Robes, flowered border	12	0				
William IV Mug, Coronation in Westminster Abbey	5	0				
William IV Coronation Plate Westminster Abbey	6	6				
				2	11	6
				£4	11	6

LIST OF GIFTS.

Miss F. E. Mawts, 2s. 6d. for flowers.

Miss I. Macdonald, 12s. 2d. for flowers.

Miss Lavinia L. Dock, Book: "Windows on Henry Street," by Lillian D. Wald (Isla Stewart Library.) Inscribed "From Lavinia L. Dock, With all good wishes to her British Sisters, January 1935."

HISTORY SECTION.

Miss M. S. Cochrane, £1

Miss I. Macdonald, 17s.

Miss M. R. Angel, Complete series in original covers of "Life and Reign of Queen Victoria," by the Marquis of Lorne. Jubilee Cup and Saucer, Queen Victoria.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Tennyson Memorial Jug with very fine portrait of the great Poet Laureate, of the Victorian era, quotations engraved on the Jug.

Miss D. A. Turner, Stereoscopic Photograph of Lea Hurst, Florence Nightingale's Home in Derbyshire.

TO DECIDE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Council be held on Saturday, March 16th.

AN EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE.

Miss I. Macdonald stated that several Members of the Council who remember that Dr. Bedford Fenwick would celebrate his eightieth Birthday on the 2nd of March,

felt they would like to express in some tangible way their sincere appreciation and gratitude for all that he has done for the Nursing Profession for the past half century, and incidentally what he had done and is still doing for the British College of Nurses. She therefore proposed that the fine Lecture Rooms of the College might be named the Bedford Fenwick Halls, and that flowers should accompany this expression of gratitude. This was carried with acclamation by the Councillors present.

The Meeting then terminated.

FIXTURES.

March 16th.—Monthly Meeting of the Council, 2.30 p.m.

By the kind consent of the authorities of the National Society for Epileptics, Chalfont Colony, Gerrards Cross, Bucks, an Administration Class will be received at an early date.

THE PASSING BELL.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Miss Alice Edith Thacker, Fellow of the British College of Nurses, on February 5th, 1935, at 1, South Beach Parade, Great Yarmouth. Miss Thacker received her training at Great Yarmouth General Hospital, and had held the position of Staff Nurse at the North Eastern Fever Hospital, Tottenham, Sister at the Delancey Hospital, Cheltenham, Sister-in-Charge and Lecturer of Home Nursing and Hygiene for Great Yarmouth District Nursing Education Committee.

Miss Thacker, who was one of the first Fellows to join the College, will be greatly missed. Her sudden death from Gastric Influenza comes as a great shock, and much sympathy is felt for her sister, Miss Annison Thacker, in her bereavement of a devoted and only sister.

QUEEN'S INSTITUTE OF DISTRICT NURSING.

The Council of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing met at the offices of the Institute, 57, Lower Belgrave Street, yesterday afternoon. In the absence of the chairman, the Earl of Athlone, the vice-chairman, Sir William Hale-White, presided.

The annual report and statements of account for 1934 were approved for submission to the Queen as Patron. At the end of 1934 there were in Great Britain and Ireland 3,576 Queen's nurses and 3,818 village nurse-midwives and other nurses working in connection with the Queen's Institute and the 64 county and 1,721 district nursing associations affiliated to it. During the year no fewer than 14,568,623 visits were paid by the nurses in England and Wales.

Since the meeting of the council in December the names of 132 nurses have been placed on the Roll of Queen's Nurses and 28 nursing associations have been affiliated.

A Loss to the Institute.

The council heard with great regret of the resignation of Miss Norah Farrant from the post of Inspector of County Nursing Associations, which will take effect about the middle of May. The chairman was asked to send a letter to Miss Farrant in appreciation of her many years' devoted service to the Institute.

It was reported that the owners of gardens had again responded generously to the invitation to open them in aid of district nursing, and that there would be a most attractive programme for 1935.

The love of gardens, a national characteristic in the British Isles, provides the Institute with a very handsome income in support of its valuable work.

General Hospital, Croydon.—Miss L. T. Ottley, S.R.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Radcliffe Infirmary and County Hospital, Oxford, and took the International Course at Bedford College. Miss Ottley has been Ward Sister and Night Superintendent at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, Sister Tutor and Home Sister at the Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea. She holds the Housekeeping Certificate of the Royal Sussex County Hospital, and the Diploma in Nursing (London).

THE NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The Hon. Treasurer begs to remind Nurses' Associations affiliated to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain that annual affiliation fees became due on October 1st, 1934. The *per capita* contribution towards the National Council subscription to the International Council of Nurses became due on January 1st, 1935. This contribution can be paid in one instalment, January to December, of 4d. per member, or in two instalments, January to June, and July to December, at the rate of 2d. per member.

The Hon. Treasurer will be glad to receive any subscriptions still due addressed to her at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

Nomination of Florence Nightingale Student.

The Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee will meet on Friday, March 22nd, at 3 p.m., to nominate a candidate for the Scholarship to be awarded by the National Council of Nurses. The hour has been selected to permit candidates to return to the country if necessary.

The Nightingale Fellowship.

In forwarding its annual subscription to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, the Nightingale Fellowship most kindly sent a very welcome gift of £5 towards expenses.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The Annual Meeting of the Matrons' Council was held at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on Wednesday, February 27th, 1935. Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., presided, and there were 21 members present. The first business taken was the election of Hon. Officers. Miss Cochrane was unanimously re-elected President. Miss Allbutt, Miss Campbell and Miss Muriel, Vice-Presidents, to replace three retiring in rotation.

Miss Keys Wells, Matron, Croydon General Hospital, was elected Hon. Secretary. Miss Villiers was re-elected as Hon. Treasurer.

Applications for membership were received and accepted. The Hon. Secretary read the Report. Four members had resigned during the year, and three vacancies were caused by death.

The Council offered its congratulations to Miss Sanderson, O.B.E., Vice-President, whose name appeared in the New Year Honours list.

The Treasurer's Report was also read, which showed a small balance.

Miss Cochrane called the attention of the members to Thanksgiving Day, to be held on May 12th, and asked for small contributions from any who cared to participate in this tribute.

Miss Norah Farrant spoke on the importance of the Report just issued by the Joint Council of Midwifery, and urged members of the Matrons' Council to obtain and study this Report.

The meeting was very harmonious and enjoyable—tea being served before the meeting.

INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association was held on Saturday, February 2nd, at Harts Sanatorium, Woodford, at 3 p.m.

The Members were received by the Matron, Miss G. Sharpe, in the beautiful entrance hall, and there was a large attendance.

Miss M. Drakard, the President, was in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed. Arising out of the Minutes it was proposed and carried to recommend that a Vice-President be elected at the Annual Meeting to be held in June.

A large amount of correspondence was dealt with, and a further discussion took place concerning the increasing tendency to remove the engaging of the Nursing Staff out of the Matron's hands, and it was agreed to communicate with the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, to which the Association is affiliated, for an expression of opinion.

Tuberculosis a Subject for Examination.

A further matter on which a very interesting discussion arose was that the General Nursing Council for England and Wales have notified the Fever Hospitals that Tuberculosis will be included in the next Examination in May, 1935. It was agreed to enquire into the opinions of other Members of the Association what would be the best means of tuition in those Hospitals that have no accommodation for Tuberculosis patients.

Florence Nightingale Scholarships Fund.

The President, Miss Drakard, read a letter which had been received from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, enclosing a short Report of the Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee, she mentioned that this Report stated that a Scholarship of £250 had been awarded to an English student at Bedford College for the Course 1934-1935, and also that one would be awarded for 1935-1936. That the Advisory Committee had agreed (1) "That a scheme should be organised to interest the members of the Nursing Profession in the great work of Florence Nightingale in defining basic laws on which modern nursing education is founded."

(2) "That a Day of Thanksgiving should be instituted on May 12th to honour her birthday, when members of the Nursing Profession could unite in forms of ceremony, and each one be invited to subscribe a small sum in support of the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Fund of the National Council of Nurses, which would be presented annually through the National Memorial Committee of Great Britain to the Foundation.

These proposals were followed with keen interest by all present, and it was agreed that:

(1) A sum be subscribed from the general fund of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association.

(2) As to the best form to be employed by which nurses in the various hospitals and institutions concerned might participate in helping with subscriptions to finance the Scholarships Fund of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, it was unanimously agreed that this should be referred to the next meeting of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association.

Miss J. L. Edgar, Matron of the Darwell Hall Sanatorium, Robertsbridge, Hastings, had invited the Association to meet at that Hospital for the Annual Meeting on June 1st, and the invitation was gratefully accepted.

A warm vote of thanks to the Committee of Management was carried unanimously for the privilege of meeting at the Harts Sanatorium, which was much appreciated.

After the Meeting, Dr. J. C. Crawford, Acting Medical Superintendent, in the absence of Dr. Cheater, and Miss Sharpe very kindly conducted the visitors round the wards after which delicious refreshments were served in the Nurses' Dining Room, a most tastefully equipped apartment, which was gay with daffodils.

Then followed a tour of the Hospital and grounds.

her work in philosophy in order, said her father, "to prepare her mind for more elevated sciences." Thus Louis de Marillac showed that he was a man with views ahead of his time in his conception of what is the real value and object of a study of philosophy and its effects upon the mind.

When she reached the age of fifteen, Louise de Marillac was extremely anxious to join the Capuchin nuns, but her confessor opposed this, chiefly on the ground that her health was not sufficiently robust; consolingly, and indeed prophetically as well, he told her "God, I think, has other designs for you." Her father died when she was twenty, and soon after she married Anthony le Gras. At that time, unless her husband were a baron or a knight, a French lady did not take the title of Madame, and so Louise was known as Mlle. le Gras. Her husband was, however, of a wealthy and respected family, a family held in high regard in Paris for the nobility of its ethical traditions and its splendid charity to the poor. It was this last aspect of the character of Anthony le Gras that enabled the relatives of Mlle. de Marillac to persuade her to accept his offer of marriage. As his wife she did not seek to lead a gay life nor to visit the Court, as her husband's position would easily have permitted her to do. Instead, she procured his consent to visit the poor. This was a form of philanthropy still unusual among the ladies of Paris, however enthusiastically at last many of them were willing to join themselves with the organisation of Mlle. le Gras and that deservedly popular priest, Monsieur Vincent de Paul. It was a matter of unmixed satisfaction to the former when Bishop Belley introduced her to Francis de Sales, whom she had long held in deep veneration.

The illness of her husband was a great and severe trial to Mlle. le Gras; she nursed him with much devotion, and he died when she was thirty-four years of age. Then it was that the Bishop of Belley introduced her to Monsieur Vincent de Paul. At the time Louise was anxious to give her life up entirely to good works; but St. Vincent insisted upon what proved to be practically a novitiate first. Also her son claimed much of her attention, for his education had to be supervised, and he was a lad somewhat weak in character and physique and was to cause her much sorrow and care. Long afterwards, when it had been proved that he was quite unsuitable for the priesthood, he eventually married and, largely through the influence of his very sensible wife, was able to retain a good position eventually found for him.

Louise entered more and more into co-operation with St. Vincent de Paul in his benevolent activities, and in 1629 she commenced that long series of visits to branches of his Association of Charity in different districts in France. There is abundant proof that her visits were a source of inspiration alike to those who administered the branches and the poor who benefited from them, while her vigilance in all matters pertaining to the work, served to raise the standard of what was done. These pilgrimages, which lasted for many years, were not without their fill of sacrifice, for Louise le Gras never enjoyed robust health. Often her journeys were made in farm carts without springs, and, moreover, she insisted upon living as simply as the poor whom she visited. As she travelled she took every opportunity to teach women in country places how to care for their sick, and, indeed, her mission might be said to have been one of pedagogy as well, for she organised classes for children and then sought to find people capable of carrying on those. For a long time the Association of Charity was confined to towns and villages in the provinces, but soon Mlle. le Gras urged St. Vincent de Paul to establish a headquarters in Paris. When the plague broke out she was one of the very few members of it who continued works of charity among the plague-stricken poor. After the abatement of the epidemic, she commenced another

piece of social work in going to the prisons to visit the poor galley-slaves in their miserable dungeons; she may thus be regarded as a contemporary of Elizabeth Alkin and a precursor of Elizabeth Fry.

But it is in the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul that we see the blossoming of the life of St. Louise de Marillac. The Association of Charity was a success in the country districts; it could not be regarded as quite the same success in Paris. St. Vincent had also conceived a kind of sub-branch of it named Les Dames de Charité, but in connection with both organisations there was always the difficulty that the ladies had their households to attend to, and their husbands objected to their absence when visitors had to be entertained, to risks of infection from the homes of the poor, while, on the other hand, it was almost impossible to achieve reasonable organisation; several relays of ladies might visit a hospital or a home on one day, while no one went near either on the next. Thus it was that St. Louise brought to St. Vincent the suggestion for what was ultimately the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. Mlle. le Gras was always insistent that the honour of having founded it should belong to the priest, but he on his part frankly owned that hers was the initiative ability and energy that carried it through. Indeed, he once refused to do a piece of work in connection with its ultimate organisation, telling Mlle. le Gras that he would leave it to her "so that I may not place my sickle in your harvest"; there could be surely no greater gallantry on the part of the priest to her whose ability had achieved so much of the work in hand.

The first Sister of Charity, after Mlle. le Gras herself, was also, as it turned out, the first martyr of the Sisterhood. Her name was Margaret Nasseau, a gentle peasant girl who had taught herself to read while tending sheep; later she seems to have become a kind of voluntary, itinerant school-mistress going round teaching other peasant women. St. Vincent had met her on his travels, and when Mlle. le Gras made her proposition, he at once suggested her as a suitable candidate for training. Consequently she came to Paris and joined Mlle. le Gras in her work of mercy; in her enthusiasm she took into her room a poor woman suffering from plague, whom she put into her own bed. The result was that this first Sister of Charity caught the plague and, when she knew she was ill, quietly betook herself to the hospital of St. Louis, where she died.

Mlle. le Gras established herself and her co-workers in a suitable house in Paris, and proceeded to train the latter to be efficient nurses among the poor. Many great institutions in history have had insignificant beginnings, and the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul is assuredly one of these. It was indeed a grain of mustard seed that grew into a great tree. As soon as the girls were considered sufficiently experienced, they were sent to fresh districts, and the demand for them taxed all the energy of Mlle. le Gras in the matter of filling their places in the Motherhouse.

(To be continued.)

FIXTURES.

On Thursday, March 7th, and again on March 14th, at 3.0 p.m., the Rev. Hugh Miller is to give us two lectures, the first on the "Archæology of the Bible," and the second on the "Science of the Bible." We have been told by people who have heard these lectures how very interesting they are and that the lantern slides are unique. At the request of one of our members we are endeavouring to arrange a Ramble to the General Post Office, and places of interest near it. For particulars please apply to the Secretary. On March 28th, we are to be given what promises to be a beautiful entertainment by the Poetry Society, commencing at 3.0 p.m.

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ISABEL MACDONALD,
Secretary to the Corporation.