

Registration, in the place of the State Examination as defined by the G.N.C. under the Nurses' Registration Act, thus depriving mental nurses of the status resulting from a statutory examination. The Council learned with satisfaction the decision of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association in this connection.

4. Letter from Miss Winifred Mullaney, Kent Town, South Australia.

"I appreciate very much your messages of thanks with regard to the number of nurses who have joined up with the College. . . . I have heard from the nurses who have applied that you have advised them of the safe arrival of their Forms. They are all greatly thrilled at the fact that they will be able to write F.B.C.N. after their names." The slips for signatures for insertion in the Roll, to be signed before a statutory authority, after taking the Obligation, have been sent to a large number of applicants from South Australia, and as soon as they are returned the Diplomas will be inscribed, signed and posted at once. These applications for Foundation Fellowship and Membership have greatly encouraged the Council, as it is its desire that the College shall be British in fact as well as in name, and that a professional link shall be forged which will secure recognition at home and throughout the Dominions, and bring British Nurses into close and helpful fellowship.

**Legal Protection.**

Two communications inviting a legal opinion and support were considered and action taken on each.

**Thanks for Diplomas.**

Miss Catherine M. Bullock, F.B.C.N., writes: "I enclose my signature and the signed form to state that I have taken the Obligation and now hope to receive my Diploma soon. It will seem like a New Year's Gift. This Christmas holiday I have been reading many back numbers of the *B.J.N.*—particularly all 1927's are enthralling, interesting and inspiring. Some I have given to our Lady Chairman, others to nurses who have not yet commenced to take the *JOURNAL* for themselves, but some, particularly the one

describing the Ceremony of the presentation of Diplomas at the Church House, are far too precious to give away."

Miss S. L. Irving, F.B.C.N., writes to the President: "Although I have never had the honour to meet you I am taking the liberty of writing to wish you a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. I take this opportunity to express my thanks for all you have done for trained nurses and for the advancement of our profession. We all know and realise that had it not been for your untiring devotion and energy we would not yet have had State Registration. How proud I was to receive my Diploma from the College before leaving England. It behoves nurses to hold with honour that which you have obtained for them, State Registration, and Fellowship or Membership from the first College of Nurses in Britain. A word of thanks to Dr. Bedford Fenwick, the nurses' loyal friend. I wish the British College of Nurses every success."



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Miss Edith Ransom, F. B. C. N., writes: "Thanks very much for sending my Diploma. . . . My only regret is that I am not younger, so to enjoy all the benefits the College will bring in the future, but I am very grateful to have the privilege to belong to it, and for all it will mean to the new generation of nurses and those still to come."

Miss F. A. H. Wood, F.B.C.N., writes: "I was so pleased this morning on receiving my Diploma of the British College of Nurses! . . . It is most beautiful and of such dignified style. I am most awfully proud of having the right to possess it. It is so fitting that it should to all time bear the names of those who have done so much towards raising the Nursing Profession to its present status.

We nurses *honour* those names, we owe them an everlasting debt of gratitude."

Miss Catherine M. Harrison writes: "My Diploma arrived this morning. It certainly is a very nice piece of work, well designed, and a most appropriate place to have the names of those noble women who have done so much in the past to raise the status of the Nursing Profession engraved as a lasting monument on our 'Roll of Honour.'"

Miss Mary L. Ritchie Thomson writes: "Will you please accept my best thanks for sending me my beautiful Diploma of the British College of Nurses. I am very proud of it and shall do my utmost to uphold the standard and high ideals put by the College before Fellows and Members

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