

Queen was present, and a sum of £7,650 was raised in one day.

Again in the large Hospital Hall, we were reminded of the Great War. In the centre of the Roll of Honour there stands a miniature replica of the Cenotaph, a gift of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and among the names are those of the two nurses, Caroline M. Edwards and Ella Elvins.

A pause in the Chapel gave contrast to the many activities we had previously seen. Here tablets are inscribed: "In memory of members of the Nursing Staff who have finished their course and ministry here."

Our hostess, Miss Littleboy, assisted by her supervising Sisters, invited our party to a most acceptable and delicious tea, served in the Night Nurses' dining-room. Here we learnt that the Night Staff hours are from 9.20 p.m. to 7.20 a.m., including three-quarters of an hour away from the wards for a hot meal during the night. A night off comes fortnightly. Day Nurses have three hours off duty daily, four hours on Sundays and five hours on the day preceding the fortnightly day off.

An Instructive Tour: For which Gratitude.

In this systematic instructive tour, so engrossing that hours unnoted had slipped away, it was evident we had but touched the fringe of all that could be seen and learned in this magnificent Hospital, a veritable City of Healing.

Members of the Class felt they could not express their thanks and gratitude too warmly to the Matron, Miss Littleboy, for the courtesy extended to them by her and her staff, and for the very valuable administrative lessons they had learned on this memorable visit to the London Hospital. To come into touch with this group of experts whose lives are devoted to the art of healing was a privilege indeed.

ALICE S. BRYSON.

THE LONDON SCHOOL OF DIETETICS.

The recent Scholarship of 20 guineas for an Evening Course at the London School of Dietetics, which has been so generously given by Messrs. Energen Foods Co., Ltd., for an essay entitled "The Importance of a Knowledge of Dietetics to the Ordinary Citizen in Pursuit of his Vocation," has been won by Mrs. Cutler, of Douro, Broxbourne, Herts., and a Scholarship of 30 guineas for a complete day course was also given by the School Authorities, and has been won by Miss P. Colson, of Harbour Bar, Old Fort Road, Shoreham-by-Sea.

These ladies are to be congratulated on their success. We hope nurses will realise more and more every day how ill-equipped they are for professional preferment without a thorough knowledge of Dietetics.

HOT WATER BOTTLES.

We recently referred to the necessity for care in filling and applying hot water bottles. There is also another point which cannot be too strongly emphasised—namely, the importance of selecting reliable bottles.

The extensive use of hot water bottles, and the popular demand for cheapness, have led to the placing on the market of some which, while attractive and decorative in shop windows, may be an extreme danger to sick persons and young children, giving way at unexpected moments, and flooding a bed with very hot water with possibly disastrous results. In the case of an unconscious patient a nurse might be censured for an accident for which she was in no way to blame.

Hot water bottles we must have. They are conducive to the comfort and welfare of the sick in a high degree. But only those should be used made by manufacturers of proved reliability. Such are the "Eclipse" Hot Water Bottles of "Ingrams" London, whose Surgical Rubber Goods have stood the test of over 85 years.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The seventy-second Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, December 17th, 1932.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and there were present:—Miss A. M. Bushby, Vice-President; Miss E. Brodie, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss N. Farrant, Miss G. Le Geyt, Miss D. K. Graham, Miss Isabel Macdonald, Fellows; Miss H. G. Ballard and Miss E. J. Haswell, Members.

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

In her letter of regret for absence, Miss Margaret Breay writes from Worthing:

"Once again I must, to my sorrow, write and make my apologies for absence from the Council Meeting of the British College of Nurses. I live in hope that soon I shall be present once again.

"With every good wish for the prosperity of the Council's work, and for every individual member."

BUSINESS ARISING.

A letter was read from Mrs. Seymer, in reply to a communication from the Council; it was agreed that a reply be sent.

A letter from a Member was read, acknowledging a grant in which she wrote: "I am more than grateful to the Council for their kind help. It came as a great surprise and comfort after a weary night. I am taking this, as a first opportunity, to pay my annual subscription. And further stating that she has had to give up her home.

Letters were reported from ladies standing for Election to the General Nursing Council, with a request that they might be inserted in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. It was regretted they had been received too late to be of use.

CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Letter from Miss Eva Barrett to the President offering to give an enlarged photograph of Miss Dorothy Snell for the College. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Miss Eva Barrett, stating that the College would very much value this gift and conveying a vote of thanks from the Council.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIP.

The President read a letter received from the Florence Nightingale Scholarship Sub-Committee of the N.C.N., inviting the co-operation of the British College of Nurses in raising funds to finance two Scholarships to operate in 1933-1934, for which a sum of £500 would be required. After which time, it was hoped that the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees in each country interested in the Memorial would finance the Scheme of providing a Florence Nightingale International Foundation of an educational character.

The President reported the immediate response of Nurses' Organisations, and the success of the League of Red Cross Societies in providing Scholarships. Already nine at £250 were available, and the campaign was only now beginning.

The Council at once proved their interest in the Scheme, and in response to the letter of appeal, seventy-five pounds were subscribed in the room.

The President, £20; Miss Breay, £5; Miss A. M. Bushby, £5; Miss E. Brodie, £5; Miss M. S. Cochrane, £5; Miss N. Farrant, £5; Miss G. Le Geyt, £5; Miss D. K. Graham, £5; Miss Isabel Macdonald, £5; Miss H. G. Ballard, £5; Miss E. J. Haswell, £5; and Miss Bryson, £5.

Miss Brodie reported that at the Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow, of which she was Matron, the Nursing Staff con-

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